STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

ROBERT DAVIS,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000220-MB

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as the duly elected Secretary of State, and STATE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

Hon. Michael J. Riordan

Defendants.
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EMERGENCY SCHEDULING ORDER

Plaintiff filed a complaint and emergency motion for declaratory judgment, writ of mandamus, and order to show cause at 12:20 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026, and filed proof of service at 10:56 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Because the deadline to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026, plaintiff seeks relief by the close of business on Thursday, October 22, 2026. The Court will consider this matter on an expedited basis.

Defendants are directed to respond to the complaint and emergency motion in a combined pleading by **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.**

Whether defendants respond with an answer to the complaint or a motion for summary disposition, plaintiff must file a response or reply by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026**.

The Court will schedule oral argument via Zoom if the Court determines it is required.

Because time is of the essence, the parties are directed, in addition to filing all pleadings with the Clerk, to e-mail all pleadings to Court of Claims Commissioner Amber Tykoski at atykoski@courts.mi.gov. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Tykoski as well.

Date: October 20, 2026

Michael J. Riordan
Judge, Court of Claims