

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

SHANNON PEREZ, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

STATE OF TEXAS, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
SA-11-CA-360-OLG-JES-XR  
[Lead case]

**DEFENDANTS' ADVISORY TO THE COURT**

In response to the Court's request at the hearing held on April 27, 2017, Defendants advise the Court that during the week of June 26 to June 30, 2017, a bench trial is scheduled in Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004391; *Bailey, et al. v. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, et al.*; in the District Court of Travis County, Texas. Lead counsel for the State of Texas in this case also serves as lead counsel for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004391. Although dispositive motions have been filed in that case, it is currently scheduled for a bench trial at that time. Defendants request that this Court does not set any hearings or trial during that week.

Defendants also wish to provide the Court with additional details about the deadline for providing voter-registration-certificate templates to county election officials. According to the Texas Secretary of State, October 1, 2017, a Sunday, is the last possible date when individual voter-registration-certificate templates must be

provided by the Secretary of State to each of the 254 county election officials in the State of Texas. Historically, those templates have been provided to county election officials during the summer in such a way as to coincide with the County Election Official's Annual Seminar. Pursuant to Section 14.001 of the Texas Election Code, the voter election certificates must be mailed to individual voters on or after November 15, but before December 6, 2017.

The election-certificate templates must be provided to the counties by October 1, 2017, as each individual county must print the necessary election certificates for every registered voter with an active registration and mail the certificates within the statutory deadline. Counties must get their certificates printed by a third-party vendor and validate the color sample provided against the color sample provide by the Secretary of State, which includes validation of the certificate wording. Each step in the process can take several weeks, and many counties use third-party vendors to mail the election certificates. Counties using third-party vendors to mail their certificates often require additional timing for the print and mail shop to produce, cut, and mail the certificates on behalf of the county. To allow this process to occur without interruption and meet the statutorily imposed deadlines for election certificate mailing, any precinct changes would need to be implemented by October 1, 2017.

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