

**RELATORS
PEOPLE NOT
POLITICIANS, Et Al.
PETITION FOR
PROHIBITION
EXHIBIT 26**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY

STATE OF MISSOURI

PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No: 25AC-CC07128

MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE
DENNY HOSKINS,

Defendant.

MOTION FOR TRIAL SETTING

Plaintiffs People Not Politicians and Richard von Glahn move to have confirm the current trial setting of November 21, 2025 or to set the case for trial as soon thereafter as the Court is available. See Local Rule 6.5. Plaintiffs are ready for trial (and have been since November 4, 2025). Defendants also announced ready for trial. In support of their motion Plaintiffs state as follows:

1. This matter was originally set for trial on November 4, 2025, Plaintiffs and Defendants appeared on that date with stipulated facts and were ready to have a trial, but that trial had to be rescheduled due to the judge's illness.
2. This matter was re-set for trial on November 13, 2025.
3. Less than 24 hours before trial, Intervenor Put Missouri First filed its motion to intervene.
4. At trial, Intervenor was granted intervention (which Plaintiffs request this Court reconsider). Plaintiffs and Defendants both announced they were ready for trial on the record.

5. Intervenor sought to continue this matter to seek discovery. The Court declined to continue the matter and announced its intention to hear the parties and hold the trial. Intervenor then submitted its application for change of judge.
6. The application for change of judge was granted and Judge Walker received this case and scheduled it for trial on Friday, November 21.
7. On November 14, the Secretary of State submitted his application for change of judge and now this matter is before this division.
8. Pursuant to Cole County local rules, “[w]hen a change of judge has been ordered, the trial setting, if any, will be maintained if possible.” Local Rule 6.5.
9. This matter involves questions regarding a referendum being circulated in the state of Missouri. The “right of referendum [is] a fundamental expression of the power held by the people.” *No Bans on Choice v. Ashcroft*, 638 S.W.3d 484, 492 (Mo. banc 2022). Because of this, the Plaintiffs require an expeditious resolution to this matter.
10. There are few, if any, factual disputes here and trial should take half a day or less.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court confirm the trial setting of November 21, 2025 or set the matter for trial as soon thereafter as the Court is available and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed electronically via the Missouri Case.net e-filing system, which notified all counsel of record on this 14th day of November, 2025.

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