

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI

PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS, et. al., )

Plaintiffs, )

MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE,  
DENNY HOSKINS )

Defendant. )

Case No. 25AC-CC07128

ORDER

This matter was taken up for trial on December 8, 2025, and proposed judgments were submitted on December 10, 2025.

Generally, the issue before the court is whether or not Secretary Hoskins can reject signatures for referendum petitions three and four which were submitted to his office by the plaintiffs. Just after the trial was held, the plaintiffs submitted more than 300,000 signatures to Secretary Hoskins for certification. Currently, to the court's knowledge, no signatures have been officially accepted or rejected. Conceivably, this could be enough signatures to place the referendum on the ballot thereby mooting the issues presented in the case at bar.

Therefore, the court will hold this case in abeyance until the requisite number of signatures have been certified or up until enough signatures have been rejected so as to prevent plaintiffs' referendum from appearing on the ballot. It is further ordered that Secretary Hoskins preserve all signatures filed with his office, whether those signatures are accepted or rejected, until further order by this court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated 12/12/2025



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Christopher K. Limbaugh  
Circuit Judge