



**IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**STATE OF MISSOURI EX REL. PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS, ET AL.,
RELATOR,**

vs.

WD88522

**THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER K. LIMBAUGH, JUDGE OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI, RESPONDENT.**

ORDER

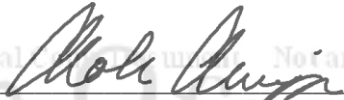
On December 12, 2025, Respondent entered an order holding the underlying litigation in abeyance "until the requisite number of signatures have been certified or up until enough signatures have been rejected so as to prevent plaintiffs' referendum from appearing on the ballot." Respondent's order has the effect of staying the underlying litigation, including discovery practice, pending further action by the Secretary of State.

On December 15, 2025, this Court requested that the parties advise the Court whether this writ proceeding should be dismissed without prejudice in light of Respondent's December 12 order. The Court acknowledges receipt of letters from Relators, from the State, and from Intervenor Put Missouri First in response to this Court's December 15 order.

Having considered the responses submitted by the parties, the Court orders that proceedings on Relator's Petition for Writ of Prohibition are stayed pending further order

of this Court. The parties are requested to promptly advise the Court when and if the underlying litigation resumes, and to state their positions concerning the appropriate disposition of the writ petition at that time.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2025.



ALOK AHUJA, PRESIDING JUDGE
WRIT DIVISION

Mitchell, J., concurs.

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