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Via E-Filing

Mr. Blake Hawthorne, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas

Re: No. 25-0674, *In re Abbott*

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

I write briefly to clarify the Court's jurisdiction in this matter. The petition invoking this Court's original jurisdiction filed today by the Governor does not proceed under Chapter 66 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, the provisions being discussed in *In re Dallas County*, 697 S.W.3d 142 (Tex. 2024). As this Court is aware, it has adjudicated on the merits writs of quo warranto in proceedings brought under this Court's *original* jurisdiction—independent of its *appellate* jurisdiction, the only head of jurisdiction that could possibly lie from proceedings under Chapter 66. *See, e.g., State ex rel. Angelini v. Hardberger*, 932 S.W.2d 489 (Tex. 1996); TEX. R. APP. PROC. 52.1.

The Governor is not seeking to proceed under Chapter 66. As noted in the filing submitted today, the Governor seeks relief under Article V, Section 3 of the Texas Constitution and Section 22.002(a) of the Texas Government Code—as clearly expressed in the petition. *See* Emergency Pet. 1. As explained in the petition, at least 500 years of common law and more recent Texas Supreme Court precedent make clear that quo warranto proceedings may be initiated by relators other than the Attorney General. *Id.* at 13–15. As the Relator in this case, Governor Abbott continues to respectively request that this Court rule before House Democrats deny the Legislature a quorum for the third time.

Respectfully submitted.

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