

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Case No. 2024-1200

State of Ohio ex rel. Citizens Not  
Politicians, Cara Dillon, and Annette  
Tucker Sutherland

v.

Ohio Ballot Board, Frank LaRose, Senator  
Theresa Gavarone, Senator Paula Hicks-  
Hudson, William Morgan, and  
Representative Terrence Upchurch

LIMITED WRIT  
OF MANDAMUS

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF COLUMBUS

To: Ohio Ballot Board  
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Columbus, OH 43215

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose  
in his official capacities as Chair of the Ohio Ballot Board  
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Columbus, OH 43215

Senator Theresa Gavarone  
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Columbus, OH 43215

William Morgan  
in his official capacity as Member of the Ohio Ballot Board  
8740 Stoutsville Pike  
Stoutsville, OH 43154

Representative Terrence Upchurch  
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77 S. High Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson  
in her official capacity as Member of the Ohio Ballot Board  
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor  
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You are hereby served with a copy of the following writ.

WHEREAS, a complaint for a writ of mandamus involving an expedited election matter has been filed in the Supreme Court of Ohio, and an order has been made by said Court on September 16, 2024, allowing a limited writ of mandamus, a copy of which order is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order that full and speedy justice should be done in the premises, we do command that, immediately upon receipt of this writ, you comply with the order of the court as stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court, on this September 16, 2024.

Robert Vaughn CLERK OF THE COURT

Amy J. Evers DEPUTY

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ENTRY

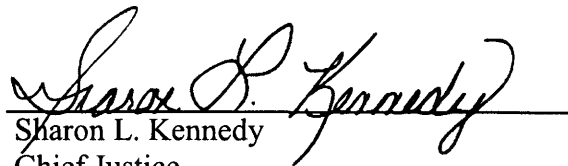
This cause originated in this court on the filing of a complaint for a writ of mandamus involving an expedited election matter.

Upon consideration of the motion for leave to withdraw pro se answer of Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson and Representative Terrence Upchurch, it is ordered by the court that the motion is granted.

Consistent with the opinion rendered herein, it is further ordered by the court that a limited writ of mandamus is granted ordering Secretary of State Frank LaRose and the Ohio Ballot Board to reconvene forthwith and adopt ballot language that accurately conveys that (1) judicial review under section eight of the proposed amendment is not limited to a “proportionality standard” and (2) the public would have the right to express itself to the new redistricting commission under the terms of section five of the proposed amendment. It is further ordered that the writ of mandamus is denied in all other respects.

It is further ordered that respondents’ motion to strike putative answer of Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson and Representative Terrence Upchurch is denied as moot.

Costs assessed in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 18.05.

  
Sharon L. Kennedy  
Chief Justice