

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
FOURTH DIVISION

STATE SENATOR BRYAN KING and
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFFS

VS. CV 2023-1816

JOHN THURSTON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Comes now for consideration the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, and based upon a review of the pleadings of the parties, the files and records of the case, the arguments made at the hearing held February 26, 2024, post-hearing pleadings, and all other matters considered, the Court DOTH FIND:

On February 26, 2024, the Court held a hearing on Defendant's Plaintiffs Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings and on Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings. After taking the matter under advisement, the Court issued an Order on March 5, 2024. The Court made no findings regarding the constitutionality of Act 236 but found that there were obvious issues regarding the standing of the two Plaintiffs, as identified in the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. The Court granted Plaintiffs five days from March 5 to amend their Co0mplaint to address those standing issues or the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss would be granted.

The Court has now reviewed the post-hearing pleadings filed by the parties. As it indicated in its March 5 Order, Senator King has alleged nothing beyond his role as a legislator that would confer standing on him more than any other voter of the State of Arkansas. The Defendant's Motion to Dismiss as to Senator King should be, and is hereby, ordered GRANTED. The Court is satisfied from the pleadings that Plaintiff League of Women Voters

has now sufficiently proven standing, owing to its past, current, and future involvement in voter initiatives.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HERBERT T. WRIGHT, JR. – CIRCUIT JUDGE

DATE

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So Ordered

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Honorable Herbert T Wright