

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAZEWELL COUNTY**

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, )  
*et al.*, )  
 )  
 Plaintiffs, )  
 v. )  
 )  
 STEVEN KOSKI, in his official capacity as )  
 Commissioner of the Virginia Department of )  
 Elections, *et al.*, )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

Civil Action No.: CL26-266

**FINAL JUDGMENT**

Having considered Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Judgment and the record in this case, the Court:

- **GRANTS** final judgment in Plaintiffs’ favor on all counts of their Verified Complaint;
- **DECLARES** that HJR 6007 is void ab initio because it violated House Joint Resolution 428 and House Joint Resolution 6001, and any action taken thereon is an invalid expansion of the General Assembly’s call to the Governor for the 2024 Special Session;
- **DECLARES** that HJR 6007 is void ab initio because it violated Va. Const. art. XII, §1, as there has not been an ensuing general election of the House of Delegates, and such ensuing general election cannot occur until 2027;
- **DECLARES** that because Va. Code §30-13 has not been complied with, the votes on the proposed Constitutional Amendment taken during the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly are ineffective as being a second vote of the General Assembly under Va. Const. art. XII, §1;
- **DECLARES** that HB 1384 violates the Submission Clause of Va. Const. art. XII, §1 because the ballot language proposed in HB 1384 submits to the voters a flagrantly

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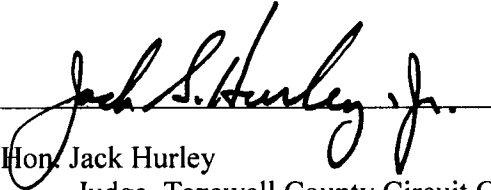
misleading question to the voters, and because the ballot language did not accurately describe the proposed amendment as it was passed by the General Assembly;

- **DECLARES** that HB 1384 violates the Timing Clause of Va. Const. art. XII, §1 because it submitted the proposed amendment to the voters for early voting on March 6, 2026, which is sooner than the required ninety days after passage of HJ4 by the General Assembly;
- **DECLARES** that HB 1384 violates the Form of Laws Clause of Va. Const. art. IV, §12 both because it embraces more than one object and because its title does not accurately describe its subject matter;
- **DECLARES** that HB 1384 violates Va. Const. art. IV, §14 because it requires mandatory satellite offices in a precise way and that requirement is withdrawn from the powers of the General Assembly in that the legislative body is prohibited to enact local, special, or private laws for the designation of places of voting.
- **DECLARES** that any and all votes for or against the proposed constitutional amendment in the April 21, 2026 special election are ineffective;
- **FINDS** that all Plaintiffs have standing to obtain the declaratory and permanent injunctive relief sought in the Verified Complaint;
- **FINDS** that the equities weigh in favor of permanent injunctive relief, that Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at all, and that Plaintiffs will be irreparably harmed absent permanent injunctive relief because of the numerous violations of the constitutional amendment process and because Congressmen Cline and Griffith would be irreparably harmed by their districts changing at this juncture;

- Having found that Plaintiffs are entitled to permanent injunctive relief, the Court permanently **ENJOINS** Defendants and their successors from certifying the results of the April 21, 2026 special election;
- The Court also permanently **ENJOINS** Defendants and their successors from taking any actions to give effect to the proposed constitutional amendment that is the subject of the April 21, 2026 special election, including, but not limited to:
  - updating or altering voter registration records in accordance with new congressional districts under the proposed constitutional amendment;
  - updating or altering election districts, precincts, or polling places in accordance with new congressional districts under the proposed constitutional amendment;
  - updating or generating pollbooks and ballots in accordance with new congressional districts under the proposed constitutional amendment; and
  - proceeding with new maps or districts in any congressional primary or general election under the proposed constitutional amendment;
- **DENIES** the Commonwealth Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint;
- **OVERRULES** the Commonwealth Defendants' Plea of Immunity and Demurrer to Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint;
- **FINDS** that Plaintiffs have complied with the County Defendants' Motion Craving Oyer, and thus **DISMISSES** the Motion Craving Oyer and **ORDERS** that the documents provided in response to the motion are made a part of the Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint;
- **DENIES** the County Defendants' requests for relief against the Commonwealth without prejudice;

- **DENIES** any other outstanding motions;
- **OVERRULES** any other outstanding pleas;
- **SUSPENDS** any bond requirement for any party petitioning or appealing from this final judgment; and
- **DENIES** the Commonwealth Defendants' motion to stay pending appeal.

**ENTERED** this 22nd day of April, 2026


  
Hon. Jack Hurley  
Judge, Tazewell County Circuit Court

AGREED FOR THE REASONS AS SET FORTH ON THE RECORD:


  
Thomas R. McCarthy  
Counsel for Plaintiffs

SEEN and OBJECTED TO by the Commonwealth Defendants for the following reasons:

1. The arguments *ore tenus* during the February 19, 2026 and the objections to the Order associated therewith;
2. The arguments set forth in Commonwealth Defendants' response to Local Defendants' First and Second Motions and arguments *ore tenus* on March 4, 2026;
3. The Commonwealth Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, Demurrer, and Plea of Sovereign Immunity;
4. The arguments set forth in Commonwealth Defendants' response to Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Judgment and Plaintiffs Supplemental Brief; and
5. The Arguments *ore tenus* during the April 22, 2026 hearing resulting in this Final Order.
6. The Commonwealth Defendants object to any relief granted by this Order that is outside the scope of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

  
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