IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION   ) 2024-MR- 211

MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

NOW COMES PETITIONER CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK, AARON AMMONS, by Julia Rietz and Andrew Bequette of the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office, and for his Motion for Injunctive Relief states as follows:

1. Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is Election Day, the date for the general election in the United States, State of Illinois, and Champaign County Illinois.

2. On that date voters in Champaign County, Illinois cast their ballot for federal, state, and local offices, as well as referendums of importance.

3. Pursuant to statute, the polls in the State of Illinois and Champaign County, Illinois open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

4. For a period of approximately two hours, from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., voters were unable to vote in Champaign County on Election Day due to connectivity issues with Platinum, the County's vendor for election services.

5. The Champaign County Clerk's office worked diligently to address these issues and for the ability to vote to be restored as quickly as was possible.

6. The right to vote is fundamental and voters in Champaign County must be given a full opportunity to vote.

7. The polls in Champaign County must be open as long as necessary to give voters the full opportunity to vote.

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8. This Court should enter an injunction extending the voting hours to maintain the status quo, that voters in Champaign County can exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

9. If voters in Champaign County are unable to vote and are disenfranchised there will be irreparable harm both to those voters, to those individuals who are candidates on the ballot, and to the people of the United States, State of Illinois, and Champaign County that should have votes from Champaign County be counted on the important issues on the ballot.

10. No one will be harmed by an extension of voting hours, but, as stated, the harm if individuals cannot vote is irreparable and devastating.

11. Though the relief sought in this cause is of a temporary nature, Petitioner has a significant likelihood of success in this cause.

12. There is no other adequate remedy at law beyond an injunction extending voting hours.

13. So long as there are no further interruptions in Election Day voting, this Court should enter an order that voting hours in Champaign County at all polling places be extended to 9:00 p.m. to compensate for the hours that voters could not vote.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court:

A. Set this matter for hearing as soon as possible, with multiple hearings throughout the day and coming days if necessary;

B. Enter an injunction extending voting hours as long as is necessary to address the harm caused by voters not being able to vote as scheduled, but more specifically extending voting hours to 9:00 p.m. on Election Day;

C. Grant such other relief as may be needed to protect the right to vote in Champaign County as additional facts become available;

D. Grant such other relief as justice requires.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk

By: /s/ Julia Rietz, Champaign County State's Attorney

/s/ Andrew Bequette, Assistant State's Attorney

VERIFICATION

Under penalties provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the foregoing instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, if any, and as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that the undersigned believes the same to be true and correct.

/s/ Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk

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