FORMAL ORDER

STATE OF ARKANSAS,

SUPREME COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED, THAT A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT BEGUN AND HELD, ON JULY 26, 2024, WAS THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, TO-WIT:

SUPREME COURT CASE NO. CV-24-455

LAUREN COWLES, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF ARKANSANS FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT, A BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTE PETITIONERS

V. AN ORIGINAL ACTION

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

PETITIONERS' ORIGINAL ACTION COMPLAINT.

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RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS TAKEN WITH THE CASE. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THE ORIGINAL ACTION PETITION BY MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024, AT 9:00AM. SIMULTANEOUS BRIEFING COMMENCED. PETITIONERS' AND RESPONDENT'S SIMULTANEOUS BRIEFS DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024, AT 4:30PM. PETITIONERS' AND RESPONDENT'S SIMULTANEOUS REPLY BRIEFS DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024, AT 4:30PM.

KEMP, C.J., AND BAKER AND HUDSON, JJ., WOULD ORDER RESPONDENT, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THEIR JULY 23, 2024 DISSENT, AND WOULD ALSO APPOINT A SPECIAL MASTER TO RESOLVE FACTUAL ISSUES RAISED IN THE ORIGINAL ACTION PETITION.

> IN TESTIMONY, THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF SAID SUPREME COURT, RENDERED IN THE CASE HEREIN STATED, I, KYLE E. BURTON, CLERK OF SAID SUPREME COURT, HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIX THE SEAL OF SAID SUPREME COURT, AT MY OFFICE IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2024.

CC: PETER SCHULTS, STEVEN SHULTS, AND AMANDA ORCUTT NICHOLAS J. BRONNI, SOLICITOR GENERAL DYLAN L. JACOBS, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL ASHER STEINBERG, SENIOR ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL