

**Order filed September 14, 2020**



**In The  
Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-20-00627-CV**

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellant**

**V.**

**CHRIS HOLLINS, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS HARRIS COUNTY  
CLERK, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 127th District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 2020-52383**

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**ORDER**

This is an accelerated appeal from an interlocutory order signed September 11, 2020. On that same day, appellant, the State of Texas, filed a notice of appeal and an emergency motion in this court requesting that we stay the order denying the State's application for temporary injunction pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 29.3, or, alternatively, issue a writ of injunction prohibiting appellee's proposed actions.<sup>1</sup> The State further requests that this court issue a ruling on its emergency motion today, September 14, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Appellant has not filed an original proceeding requesting a temporary injunction. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 52.

In light of the Rule 11 agreement entered between the parties and recognized in part by the Supreme Court of Texas in Order No. 20-0671 signed September 2, 2020, this court declines to rule on this emergency motion today, September 14, 2020. *See* Tex. R. Civ. P. 11. That agreement prohibits appellee, Chris Hollins, from sending applications to vote by mail to registered voters under the age of 65 who have not requested them until five days after a ruling on the temporary injunction in the underlying matter. By order of the Supreme Court of Texas, appellee is prohibited from taking his proposed course of action until Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Instead, the court issues the following expedited appellate schedule:

- **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 by 12:00 noon:** The official court reporter for the 127th District Court, **Cynthia Grijalva**, is ordered to file the reporter's record in this case.<sup>2</sup>
- **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 by 5:00 pm:** Appellant's brief to be filed with this court.
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 by 12:00 noon:** Appellee's response to be filed with this court.
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 by 3:00 pm:** Appellant's reply, if any, to be filed with this court.
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm<sup>3</sup>:** This case will be submitted to this court on the briefs before a three-justice panel.

#### PER CURIAM

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<sup>2</sup> The parties may waive the filing of the reporter's record by filing a motion, letter, or stipulation with this court.

<sup>3</sup> Rule 39.8 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure requires that the clerk of this court provide the parties at least twenty-one days' notice before argument or submission of a case without argument. Tex. R. App. P. 39.8. To expedite a decision, Rule 2 of the same rules authorizes a court on its own initiative to suspend the operation of a rule in a particular case. Tex. R. App. P. 2. On our own initiative, we apply Rule 2 and submit the case without the required notice set out by Rule 39.8.

Panel Consists of Justices Spain, Hassan, and Poissant.