

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-20-005550

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE	§	
AUSTIN, SOUTHWEST, AND	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
TEXOMA REGIONS; COMMON	§	
CAUSE TEXAS; and ROBERT	§	
KNETSCH;	§	TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS
<i>Plaintiffs,</i>	§	
	§	
v.	§	353RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
GREG ABBOTT, in his official	§	
capacity as the Governor of Texas;	§	
RUTH HUGHS, in her official capacity	§	
as Texas Secretary of State,	§	
<i>Defendants.</i>	§	

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION  
FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

The above cause came before this Court for hearing on October 13, 2020. Plaintiffs, The Anti-Defamation League Austin, Southwest, and Texoma Regions; Common Cause Texas; and Robert Knetsch, appeared by its attorneys from Dechert LLP and the Brennan Center for Justice. Defendants, Governor Greg Abbott and Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, appeared, in their official capacities, by their attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.

The Court has considered Plaintiffs' Application for Temporary Injunctive Relief and Plaintiffs' First Amended Application for Temporary Injunctive Relief, Defendants' Pleas to the Jurisdiction, the briefs submitted in support of and in opposition to said motions, and the evidence and arguments of counsel. After consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that

1. Defendant Abbott's Plea to the Jurisdiction is DENIED.
2. Defendant Hughs's Plea to the Jurisdiction is DENIED.

3. Plaintiffs' Application for Temporary Injunction is GRANTED, enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those inactive concert or participation with them from implementing or enforcing the following paragraph on page 3 of Defendant Abbott's October 1, 2020

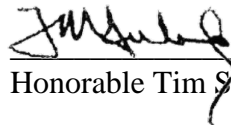
Proclamation:

“(1) the voter delivers the marked mail ballot at a single early voting clerk's office location that is publicly designated by the early voting clerk for the return of marked mail ballots under Section 88.006(a-1) and this suspension,”

The limitation to a single drop-off location for mail ballots would likely needlessly and unreasonably increase risks of exposure to COVID-19 infections, and needlessly and unreasonably substantially burden potential voters' constitutionally protected rights to vote, as a consequence of increased travel and delays, among other things.

4. No bond is required.
5. Plaintiffs' Application for a Permanent Injunction is set for hearing on November 9, 2020, unless the parties and the Court find a mutually agreeable alternate date.

Signed this 15th day of October, 2020.

  
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Honorable Tim Sulak