

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

JOSEPH THOMAS, et al,

Plaintiffs

vs.

Civil Action No. 3:18cv441-CWR-FKB

PHIL BRYANT, Governor of
Mississippi, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE
IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION OF DEFENDANTS BRYANT AND
HOSEMANN FOR STAYING OF FINAL JUDGMENT PENDING APPEAL

The Governor and Secretary of State have previously stated that postponing the qualifying deadline will require party executive committees to convene twice to approve and certify candidate qualifications --- first for the offices with a qualifying deadline of March 1 and then again for Senate District 22 and any others with a postponed deadline. But the Secretary of State's own election calendar, which is attached as Exhibit 1 to this second supplement, demonstrates that this is not accurate. The calendar states that the executive committees must submit a list of those who qualify on March 5 for the March 1 qualifying deadline. But the deadline for *certifying* the qualifications of the candidates is not until June 7. The calendar states the following with respect to June 7: "**Qualified Candidate List(s) Deadline, 5:00 p.m.**: State Executive Committees provide to the Secretary of State's Office a list by name, mailing address and office sought, of candidates for State, State District and Legislative Offices *who have been certified as qualified* by each respective State Executive Committee and is therefore eligible to be placed upon the Primary Election ballot." (Emphasis added). Thus, the party executive

committees will only need to convene one time (and presumably that can be done by phone or email as well as in person).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 4, 2019, I electronically filed a copy of the foregoing using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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