



**SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI**  
**en banc**

September 10, 2024

MARY ELIZABETH COLEMAN, *et al.*, )

Respondents, )

v. )

No. SC100742

JOHN R. ASHCROFT, )

Respondent, )

MISSOURIANS FOR )

CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM )

AND ANNA FITZ-JAMES, )

Intervenors-Appellants. )

By a majority vote of this Court, the circuit court’s judgment is reversed. Respondent John R. Ashcroft shall certify to local election authorities that Amendment 3 be placed on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot and shall take all steps necessary to ensure that it is on said ballot. Opinions to follow.

The Appellants’ motion to hold Respondent Ashcroft in contempt is overruled. Pursuant to section 116.150.3, the secretary of state must certify a petition as sufficient or insufficient by 5:00 p.m. on the thirteenth Tuesday before the election. Respondent Ashcroft certified the petition as sufficient prior to that deadline, and any action taken to change that decision weeks after the statutory deadline expired is a nullity and of no effect. Appellants’ emergency application for stay is overruled as moot.

No Rule 84.17 post-disposition motions shall be filed.

Day – to – Day

*Mary R. Russell*

MARY R. RUSSELL  
Chief Justice