

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE)
)
PETITION OF THE WILLIAMSON)
COUNTY CLERK FOR AN ORDER)
OF COURT ALLOWING FOR CHANGE)
OF BALLOTING PROCEDURES FOR)
RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES and)
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN)
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS)

2022CH25

No. 2022-CH-

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JUSTIN MAZE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT


ORDER FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

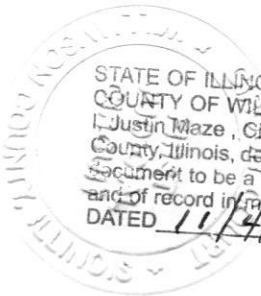
This case coming to be heard on Williamson County Clerk Amanda Barnes' Notice of Presentment of her *Verified Complaint for Injunctive Relief* ("Verified Complaint"), the Court being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:

1. The organizations, entities, and individuals identified in the *Verified Complaint's* Service List have all received notice of a hearing in this matter via email or facsimile.
2. Plaintiff/Petitioner and the residents of the affected facilities (as identified in Exhibit A to the *Verified Complaint*) who make a timely and proper application to the election authority pursuant to section 19-12.2 of the Election Code ("Eligible Residents") have a clearly ascertainable right to participate in the electoral process, to preserve their rights to vote, and in the integrity of the electoral process, and they have a likelihood of success on the merits of their claim. Plaintiff/Petitioner and the Eligible Residents do not have an adequate legal remedy that would protect their right to cast their ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election which necessitates the granting of equitable relief. Finally, absent the grant of equitable relief, the Eligible Residents of the affected facilities will suffer irreparable harm.

3. A “public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act” was proclaimed by the Governor of the State of Illinois as set forth in “Exhibit B” to the *Verified Complaint*. “Exhibit B” of the *Verified Complaint* proclaims that the virus presents “known health risks for older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions.”

Based upon the forgoing findings, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The alternative balloting procedures set forth in this order may be employed by the Williamson County Clerk to allow the Eligible Residents to cast ballots as requested.
2. The Court directs Williamson County Clerk to deliver the ballots for the Eligible Residents to the administrators of the affected facilities for distribution to the Eligible Residents. The administrators for the affected facilities are to provide the certifications as set forth herein.
3. For the safety of residents of these facilities, the Clerk will supply ballots and accompanying ballot envelopes to Eligible Residents rather than conduct on-premises voting at these facilities as required by 19-12.2 of the Election Code.
4. The Clerk, through her authorized agents, will deliver ballots and ballot envelopes to each administrator of these facilities no earlier than November 4, 2022, and no later than 9:00am on November 5, 2022. 
5. The administrator of each affected facility will be instructed to provide these ballots and ballot envelopes to Eligible Residents. The Eligible Resident will be allowed to vote on the ballot and will be provided a ballot envelope. The administrator of the facility will sign a certification that the ballot was provided to the Eligible Resident, that the Eligible Resident was allowed to vote the ballot in private, and that, upon completion of the voting, the ballot was sealed in the provided ballot envelope prior to being received by the facility administrator. The Clerk, or her authorized agent, shall collect from each



STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON } SS
I, Justin Maze, Circuit Clerk of Williamson
County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above
document to be a true copy of the Original on file
and of record in my office.

DATED 11/4/22

Justin Maze
CIRCUIT CLERK
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, IL