

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 24-60395

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN
PARTY; JAMES PERRY; MATTHEW LAMB,

Plaintiffs—Appellants,

versus

JUSTIN WETZEL, *in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the
Circuit Court of Harrison County*; TONI JO DIAZ, *in their official capacities
as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; BECKY PAYNE, *in
their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*;
BARBARA KIMBALL, *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison
County Election Commission*; CHRISTENE BRICE, *in their official capacities
as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; CAROLYN
HANDLER, *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County
Election Commission*; MICHAEL WATSON, *in his official capacity as the
Secretary of State of Mississippi,*

Defendants—Appellees,

VET VOICE FOUNDATION; MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED
AMERICANS,

Intervenor Defendants—Appellees,

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI,

Plaintiff—Appellant,

versus

JUSTIN WETZEL, *in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County*; TONI JO DIAZ *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; BECKY PAYNE, *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; BARBARA KIMBALL, *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; CRISTENE BRICE, *in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission*; CAROLYN HANDLER, *IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION*; MICHAEL WATSON, *in his official capacity as the Secretary of State of Mississippi*,

Defendants—Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Mississippi
USDC Nos. 1:24-CV-25, 1:24-CV-37

ON REMAND FROM
THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Before HO, DUNCAN, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED in light of *Watson v. RNC*, 146 S. Ct. 2165 (2026).

* This opinion is not designated for publication. See 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.