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APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A12-0920

League of Women Voters Minnesota;  
Common Cause, a District of Columbia  
nonprofit corporation; Jewish Community  
Action; Gabriel Herbers; Shannon Doty;  
Gretchen Nickence; John Harper Ritten; and  
Kathryn Ibur,

Petitioners,

vs.

Mark Ritchie, in his capacity as Secretary of  
State of the State of Minnesota, and not in his  
individual capacity,

Respondent.

**O R D E R**

On May 30, 2012, a petition was filed with the court under Minn. Stat. § 204B.44 (2010), alleging that the question to be placed on the November 2012 general election ballot concerning approval of the proposed Voter Identification and Provisional Ballot Amendment materially misstates certain provisions of the proposed amendment and omits other provisions of the proposed amendment, thereby failing to provide voters with a fair opportunity to understand and vote on the proposed amendment. The petition asks

the court to enjoin respondent Secretary of State Mark Ritchie from placing the question on the November 2012 ballot.

On June 7, 2012, Senator Scott Newman and Representative Mary Kiffmeyer, members of the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House of Representatives respectively, moved to intervene in the matter as respondents. On June 8, 2012, Minnesota Majority, Inc., moved to intervene in the matter as a respondent. Also on June 8, 2012, the 87th Minnesota House of Representatives and the 87th Minnesota Senate jointly moved to intervene in the matter as respondents, conditional upon approval of the motion by the Legislative Coordinating Commission; on June 14, 2012, the court was notified that the Legislative Coordinating Commission had approved the motion to intervene. Petitioners responded to the motions to intervene on June 12, 2012; each of the proposed intervenor-respondents filed a reply memorandum on June 13, 2012.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The motion of the 87th Minnesota House of Representatives and the 87th Minnesota Senate under Minn. R. Civ. P. 24.02 to intervene in this matter as respondents be, and the same is, granted. Respondents shall serve and file an original and 14 copies of their brief (two copies of which shall be unbound) by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012. Said brief shall be in the form provided in Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 132.02, except that text and footnotes shall appear in at least 13-point type or its equivalent.

2. The joint motion of State Senator Scott J. Newman and State Representative Mary Kiffmeyer to intervene as a respondent in this matter be, and the same is, denied. State Senator Newman and State Representative Kiffmeyer may serve and file a joint brief as amicus curiae in support of respondents by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Said brief shall be in the form provided in Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 132.02, except that text and footnotes shall appear in at least 13-point type or its equivalent.

3. The motion of Minnesota Majority, Inc., to intervene as a respondent in this matter be, and the same is, denied. Minnesota Majority, Inc. may serve and file a brief as an amicus curiae in support of respondents by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Said brief shall be in the form provided in Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 132.02, except that text and footnotes shall appear in at least 13-point type or its equivalent.

4. Service and filing of documents by regular mail is permissible if a complete copy of the material is also transmitted by e-mail to all parties and to the Clerk of Appellate Courts by the deadlines imposed herein. The e-mail address for the Clerk of Appellate Courts is [mjcappellateclerkofcourt@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:mjcappellateclerkofcourt@courts.state.mn.us). Counsel for intervenor-respondents and for the amici curiae shall provide the clerk of appellate courts with an e-mail address to which the clerk may transmit any further notices, orders, or decisions of the court.

5. The court will hear the matter on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 300, Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Boulevard, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Petitioners shall have 35 minutes for argument; respondents shall collectively have 25 minutes for argument. Amici shall not be permitted to participate in oral argument.

6. So as not to impair the orderly election process, this order is issued with opinion to follow.

Dated: June 15, 2012

BY THE COURT:

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Lorie S. Gildea  
Chief Justice