

CHUCK GRAHAM, IN HIS CAPACITY  
AS LONOKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY                      PETITIONER

TOBY TROUTMAN and  
LONOKE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS                      RESPONDENTS

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shall be the mandatory duty of the circuit court having jurisdiction to fix and announce a day of court to be held no sooner than 2 and no longer than 7 days thereafter to hear and determine the cause.

4. Although the Supreme Court held in *Jenkins v. Bogard*, 335 Ark. 334, 980 S.W.2d 270 (1998), that noncompliance with Rule 78(d) does not deprive the circuit court of jurisdiction, the clear public policy of the state is to accelerate and expedite election disputes. See Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-802 for circuit court obligation and Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-804(b) for Supreme Court obligation.

5. Moreover, the people of Lonoke County have a right to know, as soon as possible, who will be on the ballot. Therefore, Troutman requests that the Court set a hearing as soon as practicable.

WHEREFORE, Troutman prays that the Court accelerate the hearing in this matter and conduct it as soon as practicable.

TOBY TROUTMAN

/s/ Jeff Rosenzweig

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this 13 day of August 2026, a copy of the foregoing was served on Chuck Graham, Lonoke County Prosecuting Attorney, and on counsel for the Lonoke County Board of Election Commissioners, via the Court's electronic filing system, and upon the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 16-111-106(b).

/s/ Jeff Rosenzweig

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