

# **A Coalition of Legal Michigan Voters File Lawsuit With MI Supreme Court Against Benson et Al For Unethical and Unlawful Election Conduct**

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A group of 130 legal Michigan voters are saying, enough is enough, representing at least 19 Michigan counties.

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and her administration have been issuing unlawful guidance for elections ever since she assumed office on January 1, 2019. This is not an unsubstantiated, partisan dig at Benson. It is a factual matter of record.

Since assuming office, seven separate courts have issued rulings indicating that her election guidance was unlawful. To date, there have been zero consequences for her actions. With the introduction of our lawsuit, we hope to change that...ahead of the Michigan Primary in August and general elections in November.

As citizens, we have long operated under the assumption that no one is above the law. That does not appear to be the philosophy of today's Election Officials in Michigan. If they don't like the laws, they simply subvert them or rewrite them to suit their agenda. During oral testimony before the Michigan Court of Appeals in O'Halloran v Benson lawsuit, Benson attorney Heather Meingast stated the following:

*"I don't think we would want to create a war between the branches and if there was something telling us to do something and we thought it was OK, we would probably do it. But if it really came to push these conflicts with the Constitution or this isn't something that we can really do because we couldn't really control it or it's a bad idea we might just choose not to do it, we could leave that statute sitting there and we could continue to issue instructions and give guidance, and somebody would probably sue us."*

That somebody is us – a group of 130 original citizen co-petitioners who have had enough, and we believe many others will join us in this monumental effort. We can no longer tolerate the states unlawful guidance given to election officials across our state under the color of law.

With today's legal action we are asking the Michigan Supreme Court to effectively hit the reset button on our constitution and derivative statutes which have been put in place since 2022. No new constitutional provisions need to be instituted. No new laws need to be put in place. Nothing in previous Michigan Election Laws prohibited or impaired the right of every legal Michigan voter to cast their ballot.

We simply need to dust off the legal provisions that were already in place prior to partisan efforts to legalize unlawful election procedures. All of the materials needed to conduct elections going forward are already completed. They simply need to be reasserted as the law of the land.

This is exactly what we are seeking in our lawsuit before the Michigan Supreme Court. We simply cannot allow those with no respect for the law to use faulty constitutional revisions and unlawful guidance to subvert the integrity of elections. Legal, ethical and transparent elections are our only goals.

As of the filing of this case, the actions taken by MI Secretary of State and others have made it impossible for our state to guarantee any legal voter free, fair, secure, lawful and transparent elections...thereby depriving us of the representative government guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution. The 2024 election is upon us. We ask the Michigan Supreme Court to restore the rule of law in Michigan and fast. Failure to do so could even result in the disqualification of Michigan Presidential Electors.

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