

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. CV-16-796

CHUCK LANGE and BILL WALMSLEY,
INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF
COMMITTEE TO PROTECT
ARKANSAS VALUES/STOP CASINOS
NOW

PETITIONERS

V.

MARK MARTIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

RESPONDENT

ARKANSAS WINS IN 2016, LLC, AN
ARKANSAS LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY, AND ARKANSAS
WINNING INITIATIVE, INC., AN
ARKANSAS NONPROFIT
CORPORATION; AND CYNTHIA R.
STONE; JEFF CROCKETT; AND
LARRY J. WITCHER

INTERVENORS

Opinion Delivered September 14, 2016

AN ORIGINAL ACTION

SPECIAL MASTER REAPPOINTED;
BRIEFING SCHEDULE RESET.

PER CURIAM

On September 10, 2016, the duly appointed master in the above-captioned original action withdrew. *Lange v. Martin*, 2016 Ark. 302 (per curiam). We therefore appoint a new master and amend the briefing schedule accordingly.

Having previously ordered bifurcation of petitioner's ballot-title and constitutional issues in Counts I and II, and the signature challenges in Count III, only the briefing schedule



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with regard to Count III is affected. Petitioner's brief concerning Counts I and II is still due on September 16, 2016. Respondent's and intervenors' briefs concerning Counts I and II shall be due seven days thereafter, on September 23, 2016. Petitioner's reply brief is due September 26, 2016. Oral argument is denied.

Count III raises issues of fact with regard to the validity of signatures. Arkansas Supreme Court Rule 6-5(c) (2015) provides that evidence on issues of fact will be taken by a master to be appointed by this court. Therefore, we appoint the Honorable John E. Jennings as master and direct him to conduct such proceedings and hearings subject to, and in accordance with, Rule 6-5(b) and Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure 53 (2015), as are necessary to determine whether the allegations contained in the petition are true. We further direct him to file his report with this court by October 3, 2016. In the discharge of his duties, the master has the authority to address the parties' discovery motions.

Petitioners' brief on Count III is due October 10, 2016. Respondent's and intervenors' briefs are due on October 17, 2016. Petitioners' reply brief is due on October 18, 2016.

It is so ordered.

GOODSON, J., not participating.