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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH 4 DANE COUNTY

DISABILITY RIGHTS WISCONSIN, et al,

Plaintiffs,

ν.

Case No. 2024CV1141 Case Code: 30701 Declaratory Judgment

WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, et al,

Defendants.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

The Court held a hearing on June 24, 2024 on Plaintiffs' Motion for Emergency Declaratory Relief and Temporary Injunction. For the reasons stated on the record, and until the Court has an opportunity to rule on the merits of Plaintiffs' complaint, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 813.02 and the Court's equitable powers, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. Provisions prohibiting municipal clerks from distributing absentee ballots by email, including Wis. Stat § 6.87(3)(a), are unenforceable as applied to absent electors, as defined by Wis. Stat. § 6.20, who self-certify to having a print disability. For purposes of this order, a "print disability" is a disability that prevents the certifying absent elector from being able to

independently read and/or mark a paper absentee ballot, including blindness or a physical disability that impairs manual dexterity.

- 2. Defendant Wisconsin Elections Commission shall facilitate the availability of electronically delivered (i.e., emailed) accessible absentee ballots for the November 2024 general election for absent electors who self-certify to having a print disability and who request from their municipal clerk an electronically delivered absentee ballot in lieu of mailing under Wis. Stat. § 6.87(3)(a).
- 3. This order shall not be construed to permit electronic return of a marked absentee ballot.
- 4. To be accessible, an electronically delivered accessible absentee ballot must be capable of being read and interacted with, including marked, by a voter with a print disability using digital assistive technology such as a screen reader.