

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

AKILAH MOORE, ET AL. v. WILLIAM LEE, ET AL.

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This Court assumed jurisdiction over this case pursuant to Tenn. Code. Ann. § 16-3-201(d)(3) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 48. We conclude that the trial court abused its discretion in granting the injunction because it failed to adequately consider the harm the injunction will have on our election officials who are detrimentally impacted by the extension of the candidate filing deadline, as well as the public interest in ensuring orderly elections and avoiding voter confusion. Therefore, the order of the trial court granting Plaintiffs a temporary injunction is vacated, and the case is remanded to the trial court. The Defendants' motion to stay the injunction pending appeal is denied as moot. Recognizing that the trial court's April 6, 2022 order created uncertainty regarding the Senatorial districts and extended the April 7, 2022 noon filing deadline for prospective state Senatorial candidates until May 5, 2022 at noon, an extension of time equal to the time remaining on the statutory deadline when the injunction was entered is afforded, and it is hereby ordered that the filing deadline for prospective state Senatorial candidates shall be Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 4 p.m. prevailing time.

The Opinion of this Court is not subject to rehearing under Tennessee Rule of Appellate Procedure 39, and the Clerk is directed to certify the Opinion as final and to immediately issue the mandate. Costs on appeal are taxed to Plaintiffs, for which execution may issue if necessary.