

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
A12-0920



League of Women Voters Minnesota;
Common Cause, a District of Columbia
nonprofit corporation; Jewish Community
Action; Gabriel Herbers; Shannon Doty; Gretchen
Nickence; John Harper Ritten; and Kathryn Ibur,

Petitioners,

vs.

Mark Ritchie, in his capacity as Secretary of
State of the State of Minnesota, and not in his
individual capacity,

Respondent.

O R D E R

Petitioners have filed a petition pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 204B.44 (2010) asking this court to enjoin respondent from holding an election on November 6, 2012, on a ballot question concerning amendment of Article VII of the Minnesota Constitution. Petitioners allege that the ballot question as enacted by the legislature violates Article IX, section 1, of the Minnesota Constitution because it does not accurately describe the proposed amendment.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall file with the Clerk of Appellate Courts and serve on petitioners any written response to the petition and any supporting materials no later than

4:30 p.m., Monday, June 25, 2012. As part of his response, respondent shall inform the court of the date by which a decision of this court is necessary in order to modify the ballot, if necessary, before the November 6, 2012 general election.

2. Petitioners may serve and file a reply memorandum in response to respondent's submissions no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 2, 2012.

3. Any party who contends there is a genuine issue of fact or facts material to the case shall notify the court and all other parties by 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2012, of the specific disputed fact or facts and shall further identify any material in the record that establishes that the fact or facts are disputed.

4. Any person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file a written motion with the clerk of appellate courts and serve the parties no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2012.

5. The court will hear the matter on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 300, Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Petitioners shall have 35 minutes for argument, followed by 25 minutes for respondent.

6. Parties shall file an original and 14 copies of any submission to the court (two of which shall be unbound), in the form provided in Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 132.02, except that text and footnotes shall appear in at least 13-point type or its equivalent.

7. Service and filing of documents by regular mail is permissible if a complete copy of the material is also transmitted by e-mail to all parties and to the Clerk of Appellate Courts by the deadlines imposed herein. The e-mail address for the Clerk of

Appellate Courts is mjcappellateclerkofcourt@courts.state.mn.us. Counsel for the parties, and any unrepresented parties, shall provide the clerk of appellate courts with an e-mail address to which the clerk may transmit any further notices, orders, or decisions of the court.

Dated: June 1, 2012

BY THE COURT:

/s/ _____

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice