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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Original Action Under Illinois TONY MCCOMBIE, in her official capacity as Minority Leader of the Supreme Court Rule 382 Illinois House of Representatives and individually as a registered voter; ROBERT BERNAS, individually and as a registered voter; SERGIO CASILLAS VAZQUEZ, individually as a registered voter, JOHN COUNTRYMAN, individually as a registered voter, and ASHLEY HUNSAKER, individually as a registered voter, Plaintiffs, v. ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS and JENNIFER M. BALLARD CROFT, CRISTINA D. CRAY, LAURA K. DONAHUE, TONYA L. GENOVESE, CATHERINE S. McCRORY, RICK S. TERVEN, CASANDRA B. WATSON, and JACK VRETT, all named in their official capacities as members of the State Board of Elections. Defendants.

RESPONSE ON THE ISSUE OF TIMELINESS

Defendants Illinois State Board of Elections and its members submit this filing pursuant to this Court's order from February 14, 2025, directing the parties to file briefs on the issue of whether plaintiffs' motion for leave to file a complaint under Ill.

Sup. Ct. R. 382 is timely. Defendants take no position on the timeliness of plaintiffs' complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I certify that on March 14, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing Response on the Issue of Timeliness with the Clerk of the Court for the Supreme Court of Illinois by using the Odyssey eFileIL system.

I further certify that the other participants in this matter, named below, are registered service contacts on the Odyssey eFileIL system, and thus will be served via the Odyssey eFileIL system.

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Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to section 1-109 of the Illinois

Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that the statements set forth in this instrument are
true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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