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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
CIVIL DIVISION

Howard Newsome,
Rev. Cedric Pride, and
Leon Rinke

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

No. CIV -2012-158-2

City of Helena-West Helena;
Honorable Arnell Willis in his official capacity as Mayor
of the City of Helena-West Helena; and
Sandy Ramsey in her official capacity as the City Clerk of the
City of Helena-West Helena

DEFENDANTS

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND MANDAMUS

On this 13 day of July came on for hearing the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and for a writ of mandamus, the Plaintiffs Howard Newsome, Rev. Cedric Pride, and Leon Rinke, represented by Edward H. Schieffler and the Defendants, Mayor Arnell Willis and City Clerk Sandi Ramsey, represented by Helena-West Helena City Attorney Chalk S. Mitchell and based on the pleading, evidence and other good and sufficient proof the court finds:

1. This is a matter of election and such entitled to a hearing under Ark. R. Civ Pro. 78 (d)
2. The Court has jurisdiction.
3. Municipal elections in The City of Helena-West Helena are subject to the provides of Arkansas Statue Code Ann.§14-42-206(b).
4. The Arkansas Municipal League codified for the City of Helena-West Helena a city code which was adopted by the new city council of Helena-West Helena with Ordinance 01-2006.
5. That Arnell Willis is the duly elected mayor and chief executive officer for the City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas.

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6. Sandy Ramsey is the duly elected city clerk for the City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas.

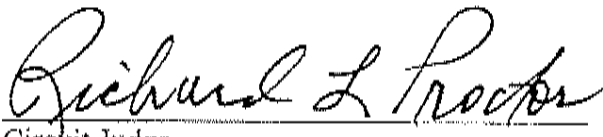
7. Neither of them were aware of the passage of any ordinance under the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206 which changed the filing period for municipal elections in the City of Helena-West Helena.

8. The Court declares and finds that the proper filing period is July 27, 2012.

9. That Arnell Willis in his capacity as the duly elected mayor and chief executive officer for the City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas and Sandy Ramsey in her capacity as the duly elected city clerk for the City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas shall notify all necessary election officials of the proper filing period.

IT IS SO ORDERED THAT the Plaintiffs complaint is granted for Declaratory Judgment that the filing period for municipal offices for the City of Helena-West Helena, are as set out in 14-42-206(b), that the filing period starts July 27, 2012, and that the city officials are mandated to notify the election officials of the proper filing date and see that all citizens have access to filing for any municipal office.

Dated 7/13/12



Circuit Judge

Approved as to form



Edward H Schieffler for the Plaintiffs



Chalk S. Mitchell
City Attorney for Helena -West Helena

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