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Attorney General Griffin Issues Statement on Unanimous Decision of Arkansas Supreme Court

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LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement regarding the unanimous decision of the Arkansas Supreme Court to dismiss *Reynolds v. Thurston*, a suit asking the Court to bypass the state’s laws on ballot title submissions and place constitutional amendments on paper ballots and absentee voting on the ballot directly:

“This unanimous decision is a tremendous victory for the people of Arkansas and the ability of citizens to cast votes on questions that are not vague or misleading. For decades, the Office of Attorney General has had the authority to review ballot title submissions to ensure they have an understandable name and title—as Arkansas law requires.

“I applaud the Court for dismissing this specious and ill-informed attempt to go around state law and place proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot with no review. This second consecutive win at the Supreme Court over the same group challenging our state’s election laws illustrates how Arkansas’s elected officials have passed laws that stand up to scrutiny.

“I congratulate Assistant Attorney General Justin Brascher, who successfully litigated this matter, as well as Deputy Solicitor General Dylan Jacobs and Assistant Solicitor General Michael Cantrell for their assistance on securing this unanimous decision.”

To read the decision, [click here](#).

About Attorney General Tim Griffin

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state’s 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas’s Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps for more than 27 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

He is currently serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana. His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Liberty (née Bragg), North Carolina, and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master’s degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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