

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2011, the following order was made and entered:

State of West Virginia ex rel. Thornton Cooper, Petitioner

vs.) No. 11-1405

Honorable Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State  
of the State of West Virginia and Richard Thompson,  
Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, Respondents

AND

State of West Virginia ex rel. Stephen Andes, et al., Petitioners

vs.) No. 11-1447

Honorable Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State  
of the State of West Virginia and Richard Thompson,  
Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, Respondents

AND

State of West Virginia ex rel. County Commission of  
Monroe County, by and through its members: Michael  
Shane Ashley, Clyde Gum, Jr., and William Miller, Petitioners

vs.) No. 11-1516

Richard Thompson, Speaker of the House of Delegates  
of the State of West Virginia; and Natalie E. Tennant,  
Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, Respondents

AND

State of West Virginia ex rel. Eldon A. Callen, Jim Boyce,  
Petra Wood, John Wood and Frank Deem, Petitioners

vs.) No. 11-1517

Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State of the State of West  
Virginia, Respondent

AND

State of West Virginia ex rel. Thornton Cooper, Petitioner

vs.) No. 11-1525

Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State of the State of West  
Virginia, Respondent

Upon consideration of the petitions and responses in the above-captioned matters, the Court is of opinion that a rule to show cause should be awarded herein. It is therefore considered and ordered that a rule do issue directed against the respondents, commanding and directing the said respondents to show cause, if any they can, why a writ of prohibition or mandamus should not be awarded against Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, as prayed for by the petitioners in their petitions.

On November 8, 2011, a scheduling order was entered in Docket Nos. 11-1516, 11-1517 and 11-1525, which directed the respondents to file their responses to those petitions on or before November 14, 2011. It is hereby ordered that those responses will stand as the responses to the rule to show cause herein. The responses previously filed in Docket Nos. 11-1405 and 11-1447 will also stand as the responses to the rule to show cause herein.

It is further ordered that these matters be, and they hereby are, scheduled for consideration and oral argument under Rule 20 of the Revised Rules of Appellate Procedure to be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the courtroom in the State Capitol in the City of Charleston.

It is finally ordered that these matters shall be submitted on the petitions, the responses that were ordered filed on or before November 14, 2011, and the responses previously filed, without further briefing.

The Clerk will, at a later date, furnish counsel of record with a Notice of Argument pursuant to Revised Rule 20(b), which will contain additional information regarding argument, including the order of argument and the time allotted to each party.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondents aforesaid shall have the same effect as the service of a formal writ.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of Court

