

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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JOHN MATTHEW CHANCEY, FAIR COURTS  
AMERICA, and RESTORATION PAC

Plaintiffs,

v.

IAN LINNABARY, *in his official capacity  
as Chair of the Illinois State Board of  
Elections*; CASANDRA B. WATSON,  
WILLIAM J. CADIGAN, LAURA K.  
DONAHUE, TONYA L. GENOVESE,  
CATHERINE S. MCCRORY; WILLIAM M.  
MCGUFFAGE, *and* RICK S. TERVEN, SR.,  
*in their official capacities as members of  
the Illinois State Board of Elections*;  
KWAME RAOUL, *in his official capacity  
as Illinois Attorney General*,

Defendants.

Case No. 22-04043

Judge John J. Tharp, Jr.

**Order Granting Plaintiffs'  
Motion for  
Permanent Injunction**

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## ORDER

Plaintiffs John Matthew Chancey, Fair Courts America, and Restoration PAC have moved this Court to permanently enjoin the enforcement of two provisions of the Illinois Election Code: 1) a provision prohibiting contributions to judicial candidates by “out-of-state person[s],” 10 ILCS 5/9-8.5(b-5)(1)(B), and 2) a provision capping contributions to independent expenditure committees supporting judicial candidates at \$500,000, 10 ILCS 5/9-8.5(b-5)(1.2). This Court previously ruled that Plaintiffs had a likelihood of success on the merits of those claims and preliminarily enjoined enforcement of these statutory provisions. Dkt. 21. Defendants have not appealed that ruling and do not oppose the entry of this injunction. It is therefore **HEREBY ORDERED**:

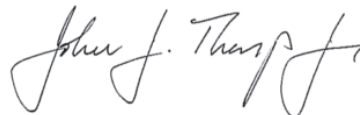
1. Defendants Illinois State Board of Elections members Ian Linnabary, Casandra B. Watson, William J. Cadigan, Laura K. Donahue, Tonya L. Genovese, Catherine S. McCrory; William M. McGuffage, and Rick S. Terven, Sr., and Defendant Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of Illinois, are **ENJOINED** from enforcing 10 ILCS 5/9-8.5(b-5)(1)(B)’s prohibition on donations from out-of-state persons to judicial candidates.

2. Defendants Illinois State Board of Elections members, Ian Linnabary, Casandra B. Watson, William J. Cadigan, Laura K. Donahue, Tonya L. Genovese, Catherine S. McCrory; William M. McGuffage, and Rick S. Terven, Sr., and Defendant Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of Illinois, are **ENJOINED** from

enforcing 10 ILCS 5/9-8.5(b-5)(1.2)'s prohibition on donations to independent expenditure groups supporting judicial candidates in excess of \$500,000.

3. This matter is dismissed with prejudice, with each side to bear its own fees and costs.

Dated: May 18, 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Tharp, Jr.", written in black ink on a white background.

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John J. Tharp, Jr.  
United States District Judge