

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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Eastern District of Tennessee
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IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF)
ELECTION-RELATED FILINGS) SO-24-10
))
) Chief District Judge
) Travis R. McDonough
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STANDING ORDER

The following procedures are adopted for all future election-related emergency filings. An election-related emergency filing is a matter that requires the immediate attention of a judge because the emergency is so urgent that it cannot wait until the following business day.

Parties seeking to file an election-related emergency matter must file the petition electronically using CM/ECF or deliver the petition to the Clerk's Office if the filing cannot be made electronically in accordance with the procedures below.

Election Day Filings Made Before 5:00 p.m. Eastern

If the petition cannot be filed electronically, the petition may be delivered to the Clerk's Office. If the petition is delivered to the Clerk's Office between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Eastern, the filer must call the Clerk's Office at the number below to schedule a delivery.

- Greeneville (423) 639-3105
- Knoxville (865) 545-4228
- Chattanooga and Winchester (423) 752-5200

Once the filing is made or delivered, the filer must contact the Clerk of Court at (865) 545-4228 to advise of the filing.

Election Day Filings Made After 5:00 p.m. Eastern

If the petition cannot be filed electronically, the petition may be delivered to the Clerk's Office. If the petition is delivered to the Clerk's Office after 5:00 p.m. Eastern, the filer must call the Clerk's Office at the number below to schedule a delivery.

- Greeneville (423) 783-2576
- Knoxville (865) 329-4682
- Chattanooga and Winchester (423) 386-2798

Once the filing is made or delivered, the filer must contact the Clerk of Court at (865) 604-8878 to advise of the filing. Be certain to leave a message as these lines will be monitored, but not immediately answered, after 5:00 p.m. Eastern.

Assignment of Judge

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137, on or before the day of the election, the Chief Judge shall assign a district judge to handle any election-related emergency filings filed after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Depending on the nature of relief being sought, the case may be decided by in-person proceedings, by telephonic proceedings, or electronically, at the discretion of the reviewing judge.

SO ORDERED.

TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE