

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 23rd day of November, 2011, the following order was made and entered:

State of West Virginia ex rel. Thornton Cooper, Petitioner

vs.) No. 11-1405

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 and Joseph Haynes,
individually and in official capacities as members of the County
Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia; Brian Wood, individually
and in official capacity as Putnam County Clerk; Bob Baird, Myles
Epling and Rick Handley, individually and in official capacities as
members of the County Commission of Mason County, West Virginia;
and Diana Cromley, individually and in official capacity as Mason
County Clerk, Petitioners

vs.) No. 11-1447

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 West Virginia House of Delegates;
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

MANDATE

The Court, having maturely considered the petitions for writ of prohibition and mandamus, the responses and the brief of amici curiae, is of the opinion for reasons stated in writing and issued by order on this day, with an opinion to follow in due course, that the writs of prohibition and mandamus prayed for by the petitioners are hereby denied; all of which is ordered to be certified to the parties.

A True Copy

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

