



Shelby County Election Commission

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APPELLATE COURT OF TENNESSEE ISSUES ORDER TODAY

Oct. 31, 2018 (Memphis, Tenn.) Moments ago, attorneys for the Shelby County Election Commission (SCEC) received a ruling on the Emergency Appeal they filed earlier this week.

The Order, issued by the Court of Appeals of Tennessee at Jackson, stays most of the injunction issued by Chancellor Joe Dae Jenkins on Oct. 27.

The stay does not include the provision that applicants with deficiencies on their applications be mailed notices of the deficiencies.

“Letters are automatically generated by the computer system when a registrant’s application is found to contain mistakes, omissions, or is otherwise incomplete,” said Linda Phillips, administrator of elections for SCEC. “This is something we were already doing.”

While SCEC personnel were attempting to contact registrants by phone when possible, State Election Coordinator instructed SCEC to discontinue that effort and to send notices by mail.

“However, in all other respects, the trial court’s injunction is stayed,” the Appellate Court ruled.

The stay of the injunction specifically addresses the issue of whether applicants who cure deficient voter registration on Election Day allowed to cast a provisional ballot on as outlined in TCA 2-7-112(a)(3)(A).

“That means that anyone who cures a deficiency on Election Day will not vote on a machine,” Linda Phillips explained. “We are encouraging everyone, especially those people who need to cure deficiencies on their voter registration forms to vote early.”

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