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Citizen Group Asks Supreme Court to Rule on Timing for Governor's Election

WV voters must have say on who is Governor for next two years

Charleston, WV – WV Citizen Action Group filed a writ of mandamus late today asking the WV Supreme Court to rule on when the next governor should be elected.

“The people of West Virginia have the right to choose who will govern them,” commented Gary Zuckett, Executive Director of the organization, “One of the cornerstones of our democracy is the concept that our leaders only govern through the consent of the governed. Two years is too long to wait to elect a new governor.”

The petition stated in part, “Respondents have refused to set a new election before the 2012 primary and general elections which will result in the State having no elected governor for two years. Because the West Virginia Constitution does not permit this result, WV-CAG seeks a writ of mandamus from this Court ordering a new election for Governor to be held within ninety days from the issuance of the writ.”

“We took this issue to our highest court because the conflicting directives that exist between our state constitution and state code have created an impasse in setting up a special election for governor. This is the type of situation where the Court needs to step in to advise us how to proceed,” added Zuckett, “We need an election as soon as possible.”

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