IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION CASE NO. 5:25-CV-157-KDB-DCK

WATAUGA COUNTY VOTING RIGHTS TASK FORCE, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,) ORDER
v.)
WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,)
Defendants.)))

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the "Motion To Intervene As Defendants By President Pro Tempore Philip E. Berger And Speaker Destin C. Hall" (Document No. 16) filed October 31, 2025. This motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and is ripe for disposition. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, the undersigned will grant the motion.

By the instant motion, "Philip E. Berger, in his official capacity as President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, and Destin C. Hall, in his official capacity as Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives (the "Proposed Intervenors") seek to intervene as defendants on behalf of the General Assembly to defend North Carolina Senate Bills 759 ("S.B. 759") and 912 ("S.B. 912")." (Document No. 17, p. 1). The Proposed Intervenors have also filed "Intervenors' Proposed Answer" (Document No. 16-1) and a "Memorandum In Support Of Motion To Intervene..." (Document No. 17).

The undersigned further notes that the instant motion is unopposed. Defendants Watauga County Board of Elections and its members, Eric Eller, Terry Cirone, Pamela Huss Cline, Elaine

Rothenberg, and Leta Councill (collectively, the "Watauga County Defendants") filed their

"...Response And Notice Of Consent To Motion To Intervene" (Document No. 31) on November

21, 2025, and "Plaintiffs' Response To Motion To Intervene" (Document No. 32) states that

"Plaintiffs take no position on the proposed intervention." (Document No. 32, p. 4). Proposed

Intervenors filed a "Notice Of No Reply" (Document No. 33) pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(e).

Based on Proposed Intervenors' filings, and the lack of opposition from the other Parties,

the undersigned will allow the requested relief.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the "Motion To Intervene As Defendants By

President Pro Tempore Philip E. Berger And Speaker Destin C. Hall" (Document No. 16) is

GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Intervenors Philip E. Berger and Destin C. Hall shall

file an Answer on or before December 3, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: December 1, 2025

David C. Keesler

United States Magistrate Judge