



THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Orders Pronounced December 22, 2025

ORDERS ON CAUSES

25-0641 IN RE KEN PAXTON AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL; from Travis County; 15th Court of Appeals District (15-25-
00116-CV)

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.8(c), without hearing oral
argument, the Court conditionally grants the writ of mandamus.

Per Curiam Opinion

Justice Bland filed a concurring opinion, in which Justice Lehrmann and
Justice Huddle joined.

25-1107 IN RE STEVE SMITH

relator's emergency motion to transfer ballot access petition denied

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.8, without hearing oral
argument, the Court denies the petition for writ of mandamus.

Per Curiam Opinion

(Chief Justice Blacklock and Justice Busby not participating)

MISCELLANEOUS

A STAY IS ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS:

25-1116 IN RE COLTON V. POWER; from Tarrant County; 2nd Court of Appeals
District (02-25-00660-CV, ___ SW3d ___, 12-11-25)

emergency motion for stay granted

stay order issued

response ordered due by January 21, 2026

[**Note:** The petition for writ of mandamus remains pending before this Court.]