

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 25-0699

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MONTANANS FOR FAIR AND IMPARTIAL  
JUDGES, and MONTANANS FOR  
NONPARTISAN COURTS,

Petitioners,

v.

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AUSTIN MILES KNUDSEN, in his official  
capacity as MONTANA ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Respondent.

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Petitioners Montanans for Fair and Impartial Judges and Montanans for Nonpartisan Courts, seek declaratory judgment on original jurisdiction under M. R. App. P. 14(4). Petitioners argue they are entitled to declaratory judgment that declares: (1) the Attorney General lacked authority to rewrite the proposed ballot statement for Petitioners' Proposed Ballot Measure No. 3 because he failed to make a written determination that Petitioners' proposed ballot statement was not clear and impartial; and (2) the Attorney General's rewritten proposed ballot statement is misleading and prejudicial. Petitioners further ask the Court to certify its proposed ballot statement to the Montana Secretary of State.

Having reviewed the Petition, this Court deems it appropriate to obtain a summary response. Therefore, in accordance with M. R. App. P. 14(7),

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent is granted 30 days from the date of this Order to prepare, file, and serve a response(s) to the petition for declaratory judgment on original jurisdiction.

The Clerk is directed to provide notice of this Order to counsel for all parties.