

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 26-0312

MONTANA FEDERATION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES,

Petitioner,

v.

AUSTIN KNUDSEN, in his official
capacity as Attorney General; CHRISTI
JACOBSEN, in her official capacity as
Secretary of State,

O R D E R

Respondents,

and

CAP THE TAX,

Intervenor-Respondent.

Pending before this Court is a Petition for Declaratory Relief on Original Jurisdiction challenging the Attorney General's April 28, 2026 legal sufficiency review of Proposed Ballot Measure No. 11, now deemed Constitutional Initiative No. 134 (CI-134) filed by Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE) pursuant to § 13-27-605(2), MCA. Responses objecting to MFPE's petition have been filed by Respondent Austin Knudsen, in his official capacity as Attorney General, and Intervenor-Respondent Cap the Tax, the ballot issue committee organized in support of this ballot issue, and this matter is ready for disposition.

However, it has come to the Court's attention that Montana State Senator Wylie Galt, the submitter of CI-134, has announced suspension of the effort to qualify CI-134 for the November ballot. Given the urgency underlying decisions in cases involving ballot initiatives, the Court wishes to clarify the status of this matter without undue delay.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026**, Petitioner, Respondents, and Intervenor-Respondent shall, either jointly or separately, file a brief status report or reports with this Court regarding the status of this original proceeding.

The Clerk is directed to immediately provide a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

Electronically signed by:
Jim Rice
Justice, Montana Supreme Court
June 10 2026