

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT JUDGE CHIP
MOORE O/B/O RICHARD CHIP MOORE

No.2020-CD-00941

VS.

KYLE ARDOIN, AS THE LOUISIANA
SECRETARY OF STATE, AND DOUG
WELBORN, AS THE CHIEF ELECTION
OFFICER FOR EAST BATON ROUGE

IN RE: Committee to re-elect Judge Chip Moore o/b/o Richard Chip Moore -
Applicant Plaintiff; Applying For Supervisory Writ, Parish of East Baton Rouge,
19th Judicial District Court Number(s) 698,119, 1st Circuit Court of Appeal,
Number(s) 2020-CW-00648;

July 24, 2020

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

SJC

BJJ

JLW

JDH

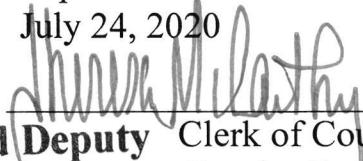
JTG

JHB

Crain, J., concurs in the result.

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**ON SUPERVISORY WRIT TO THE 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

PER CURIAM

Writ granted. In light of the highly unusual circumstances presented in this matter related to the ongoing global pandemic caused by COVID-19 and the fact that but for the current medical status of the candidate related to COVID-19 the candidate would have signed the certificate of candidacy, we reverse the lower courts and declare that the certificate of candidacy may be signed by the applicant's committee chairman on the candidate's behalf. *Landiak v. Richmond*, 2005-0758 (La. 3/24/05), 899 So. 2d 535, 541 ("election laws must be interpreted to give the electorate the widest possible choice of candidates.") (emphasis added). As soon as practicable, and no later than November 2, 2020, the candidate shall sign the certificate required by La. R.S. 18:463(A)(2)(a), which shall be attached to the original certificate signed by the committee chairman and shall relate back to the date of the original certificate.