IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA HELENA DIVISION



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GUN RIGHTS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

CV 16-23-H-DLC

(Consolidated with CV 16-33-H-DLC)

vs.

JEFF MANGAN,¹ in his official capacity as the Commissioner of Political Practices for the State of Montana; TIMOTHY C. FOX, in his official capacity as Attorney General for the State of Montana; LEO GALLAGHER, in his official capacity as County Attorney for the County of Lewis & Clark,

ORDER

Defendants.

On September 6, 2017, this Court ordered Defendants to show cause as to why declaratory relief should not be awarded in this case on Plaintiff's third claim for relief and why a permanent injunction should not be issued. (Doc. 44 at 18.) Plaintiff's third claim for relief requests that the Court declare Montana's vote disclosure law, Montana Code Annotated § 13-35-225(3), unconstitutional as

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Commissioner Jeff Mangan is automatically substituted as a party in this case as the successor to Jonathan Motl.

violative of the First Amendment. (Doc. 1 at 16–17.) On September 14, 2017, Defendants filed a Notice Re: Opportunity to Show Cause (Doc. 23) stating that they "do not contest enjoinment of Mont. Code Ann. § 13–35–225(3), and do not plan to file an objection to the relief granted." Consistent with this Court's previous Order and Defendants' Notice,

IT IS ORDERED that Montana Code Annotated § 13–35–225(3) is declared unconstitutional as being violative of the First Amendment and Defendants are hereby permanently enjoined from commencing and prosecuting any actions under Montana Code Annotated § 13–35–225(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to close this case and enter judgment.

Dated this 18^{44} day of December, 2017.

Dana L. Christensen, Chief Judge United States District Court