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Rich v. City of Chattanooga

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The City of Chattanooga proposed to deannex thirty-six residential lots, pursuant to [Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-51-201\(b\)](#).

At issue in this case was whether citizens who reside on real property that is proposed for deannexation by a municipal ordinance may, pursuant to [Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-51-201 \(2011\)](#), properly bring a *quo warranto* or declaratory judgment action against the municipality to challenge adoption of the deannexation ordinance.

The Court of Appeals held that *quo warranto* relief is not available in cases where referendum elections serve as the check on the governmental exercise of deannexation power via ordinance.