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Stallworth v. Bryant

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City residents brought action against governor, lieutenant governor, and counties alleging that state law transferring control of airport to new board violated Equal Protection Clause and state law.

Municipal airport authority and its board of commissioners intervened. The United States District Court granted in part plaintiffs' motion to enforce subpoenas served on state legislators, and legislators filed interlocutory appeal.

The Court of Appeals held that residents lacked standing to bring action.

City residents did not have right to elect officials with exclusive authority to select municipal airport commissioners, and thus lacked standing to bring action alleging that state law transferring control of municipal airport from board of commissioners elected by city residents to new board appointed by state, counties, and city violated Equal Protection Clause.