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## **REFERENDA - OHIO**

### **State ex rel. Hildreth v. LaRose**

**Supreme Court of Ohio - October 8, 2023 - N.E.3d - 2023 WL 6542737 - 2023-Ohio-3667**

Relators sought writ of mandamus compelling Ohio Secretary of State and county Board of Elections to sustain a protest and remove an initiative from general-election ballot.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Relators lacked an adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law;
- Petition did not violate election law providing that no alterations, corrections, or additions may be made to a petition after it is filed in a public office;
- Petition violated election law requiring that part-petitions that electors sign are the same ones that are later filed with city auditor; and
- Petition did not comply with election law requiring the title of a proposed ordinance to be included on each part-petition presented to electors.