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State ex rel. Maumee v. Lucas County Board of Elections

Supreme Court of Ohio - July 17, 2025 - N.E.3d - 2025 WL 1983414 - 2025-Ohio-2516

City and qualified elector filed action against county board of elections for writ of prohibition preventing board from placing petitions for recall of mayor and six city councilmembers on special-primary election ballot and writ of mandamus ordering board to grant city's and elector's protests against recall petitions.

Recall petitioners intervened as respondents.

The Supreme Court held that:

- City charter did not foreclose recall as method of removing elected officials from office, and
- City's home-rule charter did not incorporate statute permitting removal of elected officials via recall petition, and, thus, mayor and councilmembers could not be removed through recall petition.