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Judge dismisses lawsuit over Tuberville residency

Plaintiffs question whether governor candidate meets Alabama’s constitutional requirement

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A Montgomery County judge on Thursday dismissed a lawsuit challenging whether U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville

meets Alabama’s constitutional residency requirement to run for governor, ruling the court lacks authority to decide the issue before the general election.

Circuit Judge Brook Reid dismissed the case on jurisdictional grounds, finding Alabama law does not authorize

courts to determine whether a gubernatorial nominee meets ballot eligibility requirements before voters cast ballots.

Reid wrote she had “wrestled” with the issue because no legal precedent directly addresses the dispute.

The ruling allows Tuberville, the Republican nominee for governor, to remain on the ballot while the legal fight continues.

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Alabama gubernatorial candidate and U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville speaks during a primary election night event at Vulcan Park in Birmingham on May 19. JAKE CRANDALL/ ADVERTISER

Heat waves turn homes dangerous for all ages



If you can’t access cooling in a heat wave, drink water constantly to stay hydrated and regulate your body temperature. GETTY IMAGES

Most heat-related deaths occur indoors; learn how to reduce risk

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Most people know that heat waves can be dangerous. What they may not realize is that the heat indoors can be much worse than outdoors.

When the power goes out and air conditioning stops, a house starts to function like a greenhouse. Heat enters through windows and walls and has nowhere to go. Air stagnates.

Within hours, indoor temperatures can climb well above what the thermometer shows outside, especially on upper floors and in rooms with south-facing windows. Over longer periods, especially if temperatures don’t cool off overnight, conditions can become lethal.

Most heat-related deaths occur indoors. When a heat dome sent temperatures soaring in the Pacific Northwest



People and their dog sit under cooling tents in Austin, Texas, during a heat wave in 2023. Climate projections for Austin show that heat waves will double in frequency by the end of the century. SUZANNE CORDEIRO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

in 2021, 98% of the more than 600 deaths in British Columbia happened inside homes. Washington and Oregon also saw high numbers of deaths in homes that lacked air conditioning.

In Europe, where only 1 in 10 households have air conditioning, heat waves killed an estimated 60,000 people in

2022 and 47,000 in 2023, largely inside buildings never designed for these temperatures.

People of all ages are at risk in heat waves like these. I spent eight years at the University of Texas at Austin

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Jackson Hospital deal offers hope but not a full fix

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Jackson Hospital & Clinic has secured an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama that will help the hospital remain open, but may not guarantee the absolution of its financial woes.

The hospital’s financial situation has been snowballing since a federal judge ruled in late June that BCBS would not be required to pay Jackson matched rates to Baptist Medical Center South and Baptist Medical Center East.

The hospital pursued a lawsuit against the insurance company back in February seeking a judgment of \$1,399,999.94, which the hospital claimed are funds Blue Cross Blue Shield allegedly withheld from the hospital after the hospital pursued Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings in February 2025.

Because the lawsuit didn’t work out as desired, Jackson has been preparing the public and the staff for the high possibility of closure. Originally, the decision of whether to close the hospital was to be made on June 25. Since then, hospital officials have been in discussions with BCBS, and according to city and hospital leadership, there’s a deal in place between the insurer and the hospital. But they say there’s more work ahead.

Jackson Hospital deal leaves ‘a significant hole’ to close

On July 6, Jackson Hospital & Clinic CEO John Quinlivan said that, on July 3, the hospital came to a “verbal agreement” with BCBS that’s a precursor to a longer written agreement between the two entities that sets aid from the insurer in stone.

“We came to terms around the agreement that will help us,” Quinlivan said. “This helps us, but it doesn’t solve the problem. ... This is part of the long-term solution, it’s just not the whole of it. Just because we got this deal doesn’t mean we’re out of the woods. There’s a lot of work to be

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