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Louisville Ethics Commission sues city

Says county attorney's office is making grab for power over board

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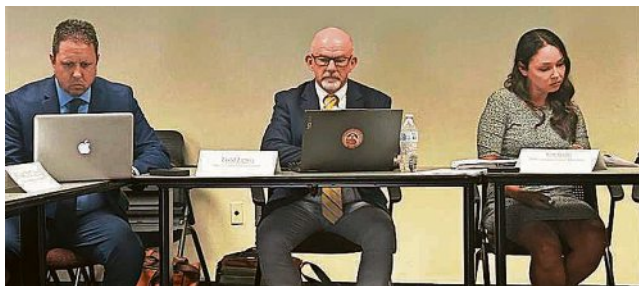
The Louisville Ethics Commission is taking the city to court, claiming the Jefferson County Attorney's Office is pushing for improper control over the advisory board.

County Attorney Mike O'Connell's office, meanwhile, has contended the commission's lawyer has conflicts of interest that could lead to serious issues

as he represents the board in charge of ensuring city employees are following Louisville's Ethics Code.

The ethics commission filed the lawsuit Aug. 28 in Jefferson Circuit Court, naming Louisville Metro Government as a defendant. It argues the recent effort by the county attorney's office to push out the commission's current lawyer, Todd Lewis, amounts to an "unlawful demand" that would "ensure the

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Attorney Todd Lewis, center, at a Louisville Ethics Commission meeting on Aug. 21.
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Voter ID mandate to face challenge

President says he'll sign executive order

Maureen Groppe
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump is plowing ahead with efforts to change election rules despite initial court rulings that he doesn't have the power to do so.

Trump said on Aug. 30 he will sign an executive order requiring voters provide identification in every election. Trump's executive order is expected to be challenged in court once he signs it.

An executive order Trump signed in March requiring people to show government-issued proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections has been blocked by the courts.

"The Constitution does not grant the president any specific powers over elections," U.S. District Judge Denise Casper in Massachusetts wrote in June.

In April, a federal judge in Washington, DC, reached the same conclusion.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said: "Voter I.D. Must Be Part of Every Single Vote. NO EXCEPTIONS! I Will Be Doing An Executive Order To That End!!!"

He did not say what type of identification he wants to require, when he would sign the order or why he has the

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At 100 and 98, this Louisville couple has been married for 80 years

Longevity and Love



Maggie Menderski Louisville Courier Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Peays' neighbors and even the staff at their retirement home can't recall another couple that's ever celebrated an 80th anniversary. • Remarkably, Spurgeon and Alethea Peay's memories of their wedding day are just as impressive as their longevity and their love. • Alethea turned 100 in June, and Spurgeon will celebrate his 99th birthday in December. As the pair sat

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100-year-old Alethea Peay, left, and 98-year-old Spurgeon Peay share a laugh in their home at Resort Lifestyle Communities. The pair recently celebrated their 80-year wedding anniversary. PHOTOS BY JEFF FAUGHENDER/COURIER JOURNAL

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