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Court Delays Judicial Review of Dr. Taylor Haynes' Eligibility

CHEYENNE, WY – The First Judicial District Court denied the State's request for an expedited ruling on the question of Dr. Taylor Haynes' residency earlier today. The court ruled on the grounds that Dr. Haynes would not agree to an expedited resolution of the question of his residency.

The same two questions originally asked of the court in *State of Wyoming v. Taylor Haynes M.D.* are left unanswered and unresolved in the ruling issued by Judge Thomas Campbell:

1. Does Dr. Taylor Haynes meet the residency requirement to hold the office of governor under Article 4 Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Wyoming?
2. Does the Secretary of State, as Wyoming's chief election officer, have the legal and statutory authority to act upon issues relating to a candidate's eligibility?

"The court today did not issue any decision or ruling on the issue of Dr. Haynes' residency. While the State had hoped for a definitive resolution of this matter for the sake of the voters, the candidates for governor, and for Dr. Haynes himself, I'm still hopeful that that the questions before the court will be heard in a timely manner. I am surprised that Dr. Haynes unequivocally would not agree to an expedited hearing as a way to guarantee the swift resolution of this matter before the primary election. The constitutional requirement of five years of continuous residency is very clear, and my office and I will continue to seek that same clarity in how the law is applied," said Secretary of State Edward Buchanan.

The request for a declaratory judgment was filed on Friday, July 20th, 2018, by the Wyoming Attorney General. The Attorney General requested an expedited hearing and review of the matter given the approaching date of next month's primary election on August 21st, however, after the ruling of the court, evidentiary hearings on Dr. Haynes' residency originally set for August 7th and 8th have been vacated and will be rescheduled in accordance with the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure.

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