SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

JAIME A. MOLERA, an individual) Arizona Supreme Court No. CV-20-0213-AP/EL and qualified elector; ARIZONANS) FOR GREAT SCHOOLS AND A STRONG ECONOMY, a political action Maricopa County) committee, Superior Court No. CV2020-007964 Plaintiffs/Appellees,) V.) KATIE HOBBS, in her official) FILED 08/19/2020 capacity as Arizona Secretary of) State; INVEST IN EDUCATION (SPONSORED BY AEA AND STAND FOR CHILDREN), a political action committee, Defendants/Appellants.)

ORDER

The Court en banc has considered the briefs and authorities in this expedited election appeal concerning the "Invest in Education Act" ballot initiative, I-31-2020. The trial court enjoined the ballot measure finding that the 100-word description did not accurately describe the proposition under A.R.S. § 19-102(A). Upon consideration, the Court unanimously finds that the 100-word description did not create a significant danger of confusion or unfairness and reverses the trial court ruling.

The Court also unanimously finds that evidence of the compensation structure and incentives presented at trial did not warrant the invalidation of the circulators' petitions under A.R.S. § 19-118.01 and affirms the trial court ruling rejecting this challenge. Therefore,

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IT IS ORDERED reversing in part and affirming in part. The Secretary of State will proceed under Title 19, Arizona Revised Statutes, to include the Invest in Education ballot initiative in the general election publicity pamphlet and to place it on the general election ballot.

A written opinion will follow.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2020.

/s/
ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

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