

# WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT DISMISSES CHALLENGES AGAINST JENKINS, ARMSTEAD

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. ([WCHS/WVAH REPORTS](#)) — The West Virginia Supreme Court dismissed challenges Monday to the eligibility of Rep. Evan Jenkins former House of Delegates Speaker Tim Armstead to serve on the court.

The separate petitions were heard Monday in Charleston.

Four circuit judges that were appointed as justices to hear the case ruled "there is no clear right to the relief sought by the petitioners."

Jenkins and Armstead are Republicans who were appointed by GOP Gov. Jim Justice last month to serve on the court until the Nov. 6 special election.

[Petitioners William Schwartz and Wayne King](#) each wanted to remove Jenkins from the ballot. Schwartz also wanted to stop Jenkins and Armstead from temporarily serving on the court.

Jenkins is seeking to serve the remainder of retired Justice Robin Davis' term through 2024, while Armstead hopes to finish the term of retired Justice Menis Ketchum through 2020. Both Davis and Ketchum were elected as Democrats.

**Evan Jenkins Statement on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Ruling**



Statement on today's West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals decision that Evan Jenkins is fully eligible to be appointed to serve as Justice on the Supreme Court of Appeals and fully eligible to be elected by the people of West Virginia on the November 6 General Election ballot to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

"Today's decision is a victory for every West Virginian who's ready to put a stop to the wasteful spending and misuse of taxpayer dollars. Everyone saw these bogus lawsuits for what they were, partisan attacks trying to deny the voters the opportunity to elect a new justice that's going to uphold the constitution and apply the law equally and fairly to each and every West Virginian. I appreciate the court's quick decision that now clears the way for me to get to work right away restoring the public's trust and confidence on our state's highest court that the citizens expect and deserve."