Order filed October 27, 2026.

In The

Fifteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 15-26-00189-CV

IN RE GREG ABBOTT, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, Relator

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
WRIT OF MANDAMUS
126th District Court
Travis County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. D-1-GN-26-010394

ORDER

On October 26, 2026, a Travis County district court issued a temporary restraining order allowing real party in interest Gina Hinojosa, a member of the Texas House of Representatives, to access and inspect documents Hinojosa requested from relator Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Texas. On October 27, Governor Abbott filed a petition for writ of mandamus in this Court. In the petition, Governor Abbott asks this Court to compel the trial court to dismiss the underlying case.

Governor Abbott also filed an interlocutory appeal—*Greg Abbott v. Gina Hinojosa*, No. 15-26-00190-CV—from the temporary restraining order under Section 51.014(a)(4) and (a)(8) of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code. Section 51.014(a)(8) concerns interlocutory appeals from orders denying or granting pleas to the jurisdiction filed by a "governmental unit," which includes "this state and all the several agencies of government that collectively constitute the government of this state, including other agencies bearing different designations, and all departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, offices, agencies, councils, and courts." Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 101.001(3)(A). Governor Abbott filed a plea to the jurisdiction before the trial court issued its temporary restraining order. Section 51.014(b) states that an interlocutory appeal under Section 51.014(a)(8) stays all trial court proceedings pending resolution of the appeal. *Id.* § 51.014(b); *see Tex. A & M Univ. Sys. v. Koseoglu*, 233 S.W.3d 835, 846 (Tex. 2007) (holding that "a state official may seek interlocutory appellate review from the denial of a jurisdictional plea" under Section 51.014(a)(8)). Thus, the trial court's temporary restraining order is automatically stayed without regard to the merits of that appeal.

Governor Abbott's request for mandamus relief remains pending. We order that the real party in interest file a response to that mandamus petition no later than 14 days from the date of this order—an earlier filed response will be considered sooner. The Governor's request that we freeze the effect of the temporary restraining order while his mandamus petition is pending is moot because his interlocutory appeal has already had that effect.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Chief Justice Brister and Justices Field and Farris.