

governor's proclamations constitute acts performed by him "in virtue of his ... office" within Thurston County, and that therefore, Respondent's cause of action challenging the proclamations "arose" in Thurston County, making the Thurston County Superior Court the mandatory venue for the action under RCW 4.12.020(2).

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the motion for accelerated discretionary review by this Court of the motion regarding the proper venue for this case is granted, review of the venue question is retained by this court, the order of the Franklin County Superior Court denying petitioners' motion for change of venue to the Thurston County Superior Court is reversed, and this matter is remanded to the Franklin County Superior Court with directions to grant petitioners' motion to change venue without delay. An explanatory per curiam opinion will be filed at a later date.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 11th day of October, 2021.

For the Court


CHIEF JUSTICE