

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

<b>Contreras et al</b>	)	
Plaintiff(s),	)	1:21-cv-03139
v.	)	Magistrate Judge Beth W. Jantz
	)	
<b>Illinois State Board of Elections et al</b>	)	
Defendant(s),	)	

**ORDER**

This expedited case has been referred to the Magistrate Judge for discovery supervision, all discovery motions, and specified motions [46]. Defendants’ motion for an extension of time [43] is granted to 8/19/21. Plaintiffs’ motion to compel [54] is taken under advisement. To align consideration of the motion to compel in this case with the related one (No. 21-cv-3091), Legislative Defendants’ response to the motion to compel is due by midnight CT on 8/14/21, and Plaintiffs’ Reply is due by 5:00 p.m. CT on 8/16/21. The noticed hearing date of 8/17/21 is stricken, and a telephonic initial status conference and motion hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. CT on 8/18/21, to be heard with the related case no. 21-cv-3091. The parties are directed to review Magistrate Judge Jantz’s standing orders which are available on the Court’s website. To join the conference by phone, dial 888-273-3658 and enter access code 2217918. Members of the public and media will be able to call in to listen to this hearing as well. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court. Additional discussion is set out below.

**STATEMENT**

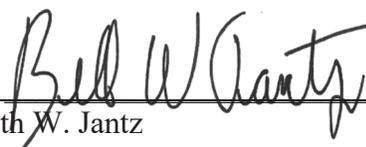
This case was referred on 8/12/21 for discovery supervision, including a ruling on Plaintiffs’ motion to compel [44]. To align consideration of the motion to compel in this case with the related one (McConchie v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al., No. 21-cv-3091), Legislative Defendants’ response is due by midnight CT on 8/14/21, and Plaintiffs’ Reply is due by 5:00 p.m. CT on 8/16/21. Plaintiffs’ motion to compel raises issues beyond those identified as “priority” in the parties’ efforts to confer, and therefore the Court expects the Legislative Defendants’ response to address the motion’s entirety. To the extent that the parties reach agreement as to any of the issues raised in the motion, they are directed to identify such agreements in their submissions.

Given the expedited schedule in this case, and particularly given that opening expert reports and supporting materials are due on 8/23/21 [38], the Court further advises the parties that to the extent any supplementation or production is ordered, the Court anticipates that it will order such work to be completed within two days of its ruling on the motion. Similarly, to the extent that the Legislative Defendants withhold material from discovery on the basis of an asserted privilege or

protection, the Court anticipates that it will order a privilege log in compliance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(A) to be completed within two days of its ruling on the motion. The Court suggests that the parties consider this anticipated timeframe in deciding what work if any to undertake ahead of time. To the extent that the Legislative Defendants agree to produce or supplement, that work should commence now, and the Plaintiffs should advise on the status of those efforts, if any, in their 8/16/21 reply.

The previously set expert discovery schedule provides for expert depositions to be taken between 9/2/21 – 9/6/21 [38]. To the extent that the parties have not already done so, the parties are directed to confirm their respective experts' (and the deposing and defending attorneys') availability for depositions during that time and to so confirm with the Court in their response and reply on the pending motion.

Date: 08/12/2021

/s/   
Beth W. Jantz  
United States Magistrate Judge