

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

DR. DOROTHY NAIRNE, REV. CLEE
EARNEST LOWE, DR. ALICE
WASHINGTON, STEVEN HARRIS, BLACK
VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY BUILDING
INSTITUTE, and THE LOUISIANA STATE
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NANCY LANDRY, in her official capacity as
Secretary of State of Louisiana,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00178
SDD-SDJ

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7 and the Court's February 8, 2023 Order, Plaintiffs—Dr. Dorothy Nairne, Rev. Clee Earnest Lowe, Dr. Alice Washington, Steven Harris, Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, and Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP—respectfully move the Court for a scheduling conference. Plaintiffs' memorandum in support of this motion is attached.

Date: February 12, 2024

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On February 8, 2024, the Court permanently enjoined elections under S.B. 1 and H.B. 14 for violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. ECF No. 233. The Court ordered that the state shall have “a reasonable period of time” to “address the Court’s findings and implement State House and Senate election maps that that comply with § 2 of the Voting Rights Act,” and specified that the Court would determine the “period of time” that the State would be afforded “following submittals by the parties.” ECF No. 233 at 91. Plaintiffs are filing two motions related to determining the appropriate period of time for the state to draw new maps: a motion for special elections on the remedial state legislative maps in November 2024, which will be filed tomorrow

(February 13, 2024), and a motion to grant Plaintiffs' proposed scheduling order for the remedial phase of this case, which was filed today.

Both motions emphasize that it is vital to Plaintiffs' fundamental right to vote that this case move forward to the remedial stage as quickly as possible, and Plaintiffs believe it would be prudent for the parties and the Court to discuss the appropriate schedule for the remedial phase of this case at the Court's earliest convenience.

Plaintiffs therefore respectfully request that the Court set a status conference at its earliest convenience.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Having considered Plaintiffs' motion for a scheduling conference, the Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that the parties shall meet to discuss the schedule for the remedial proceedings in this case on _____, 2024, at ___ [a.m./p.m.].

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Chief Judge Shelly D. Dick