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

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

ORDER

Telephonic status conference held on 12/1/21. Additional deadlines and discussion are set out below.

STATEMENT

Telephonic status conference held on 12/1/21. The parties report having agreed on an expert deposition schedule, with depositions scheduled over the next several days and through this weekend. Although the Court is confident that all counsel will work together amicably, given the extremely expedited schedule of these cases, counsel may jointly call the Magistrate Judge to resolve a necessary dispute if such arises during the depositions, if the parties are unable to resolve the matter on their own after thorough good faith efforts. To that end, counsel are directed to jointly email this Court's Courtroom Deputy to obtain contact information for the Magistrate Judge. The parties are also directed to order expedited transcripts of any depositions in case they are needed by the parties or the 3-judge panel.

The parties are directed to continue working together on proposed stipulations of fact and conclusions of law, and to be prepared to report on their status in this regard to the three-judge panel during the 12/3/21 hearing.

Oral argument was heard on the Contreras Plaintiffs' motion to strike [Case No. 21-3139 dkt. 160], which remains under advisement.

As discussed on the record, the parties are to continue to meet and confer on the issue of whether all underlying materials or data relied on or used by the Legislative Defendants' expert Dr. Lichtman have been produced. The parties should make every effort to resolve their disagreement before Dr. Lichtman's 12/4/21 deposition. Although this Court makes no ruling on the issue at this time, the parties are advised that if it becomes apparent during Dr. Lichtman's deposition that materials or data he relied upon or used were not properly turned over in advance of his deposition, the Court may order an immediate re-opening of his deposition, as early as 12/5/21, as well as a consideration of any other requested relief.

Similarly, as discussed on the record, Plaintiffs have agreed to produce underlying data (*i.e.*, "shapefiles") related to the map(s) in their reply filed on 12/1/21. Plaintiffs have agreed and are directed to make that production by the close of business on 12/1/21.

Finally, counsel for all parties are directed to make thorough efforts to meet and confer in good faith on any and all disputes that arise between now and 12/7/21, regardless of any party's interpretation of N.D. Illinois Local Rule 37.2, before raising any such issue with the Court.

Date: 12/01/2021

Beth W. Jantz
United States Magistrate Judge