

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

CASE NO.: SC22-131

IN RE: JOINT RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

The Court has directed the Clerk of Court to open this case and issue this order in anticipation of the Attorney General petitioning the Court for a declaratory judgment determining the validity of a joint resolution of apportionment, under Article III, section 16(c) of the Florida Constitution.

Together with the petition, the Attorney General is requested to file the apportionment plans for the newly created House of Representatives and Senate districts and for the last legally enforceable House and Senate apportionment plans used in Florida. The Attorney General is further requested to file maps and statistical reports for the existing and new plans, and to specify the software used to create the new plans and the source of the data used in creating the new plans. The Attorney General's filing may include any other information that the Attorney General deems relevant to the Court's consideration of the petition.

As required by Article III, section 16(c), the Court will accept written submissions in the form of briefs or comments from "adversary interests" addressing the validity of the apportionment. Parties opposing the validity of the apportionment must file their briefs or comments with the Clerk of Court no later than 11:59 p.m. on the fifth day after the date the Attorney General files the petition. Parties supporting the validity of the apportionment must file their briefs or comments with the Clerk of Court no later than 11:59 p.m. on the tenth day after the date the Attorney General files the petition. The provisions of Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.420(e) regarding computation of time are suspended. An order

establishing procedures and a schedule for oral argument in this matter will be issued at a later date.

All briefs must comply with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.210. Comments, other than briefs, shall be double-spaced and shall not exceed ten pages. Replies will not be permitted.

Briefs or comments shall be filed only with the Clerk of the Court via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. A request to be exempt from filing via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal shall be submitted in writing, mailed or delivered directly to the Clerk of the Court. Submissions or communications (comments, letters, resolutions by governmental entities, etc.) will not be considered by the Court or be filed in the official Court file unless such submissions or communications meet the filing requirements of this order. No e-mails will be accepted or considered by the Court. No submissions or communications shall be directed to any Justice. See Canon 3B(7), Code of Judicial Conduct (“A judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties concerning a pending or impending proceeding . . .”). Further, only those who submit filings that comport with this order will be considered parties in this case.

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