

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE,	)	No. 2:12-CV-691-WKW
BLACK CAUCUS, BOBBY	)	
SINGLETON, ALABAMA	)	
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK	)	1. <u>Requesting Judge</u>
COUNTY OFFICIALS, FRED	)	
ARMSTEAD, GEORGE BOWMAN,	)	Honorable W. Keith Watkins
RHONDEL RHONE, ALBERT F.	)	
TURNER, JR., and JILES	)	2. <u>District Judge</u>
WILLIAMS, JR., individually and	)	
on behalf of othres similarly situated,	)	Honorable Myron H. Thompson
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	3. <u>Circuit Judge</u>
	)	
v.	)	Honorable William H. Pryor Jr.
	)	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, and	)	
BETH CHAPMAN, in her official capacity	)	
as Alabama Secretary of State,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	
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DESIGNATION OF THREE-JUDGE COURT  
[42 U.S.C. § 1973c and 28 U.S.C. § 22284]


ORDER

The Requesting Judge, Honorable W. Keith Watkins, to whom an application for relief has been presented in the above cause, having notified me that the action is one required by Act of Congress to be heard and determined by a District Court of three judges, I, Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, hereby designate Circuit Judge William H. Pryor Jr. and District Judge Myron H. Thompson to serve with the Requesting Judge, W. Keith Watkins, as

members of the said Court to hear and determine the action.

This designation and composition of the three-judge court is not a prejudgment, express or implied, as to whether this is properly a case for a three-judge court rather than a one-judge court. This is a matter best determined by a three-judge court as this enables a simultaneous appeal to the Court of Appeals and to the Supreme Court without the delay, awkwardness, and administrative inefficiency of proceeding by way of mandamus from either the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, or both, directed against the Chief Judge of the Circuit, the presiding district judge, or both. The parties will be afforded the opportunity to brief and argue all questions before the three-judge court, either preliminarily or on the trial of the merits, or otherwise, as the court thinks appropriate.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2012.

  
CHIEF JUDGE  
United States Court of Appeals  
For the Eleventh Circuit