

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

THE ARKANSAS STATE CONFERENCE NAACP, *et al.*,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

Case No. 4:21-cv-01239-LPR

THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT, *et al.*

DEFENDANTS.

**DEFENDANTS' AGREED MOTION TO
EXTEND RESPONSIVE PLEADING DEADLINE**

Defendants the Arkansas Board of Apportionment, Asa Hutchinson, in his official capacity as the Governor of Arkansas and Chairman of the Arkansas Board of Apportionment, John Thurston, in his official capacity as the Secretary of State of Arkansas and a member of the Arkansas Board of Apportionment; Leslie Rutledge, in her official capacity as the Attorney General of Arkansas and a member of the Arkansas Board of Apportionment; and the State of Arkansas, for their *Agreed Motion to Extend Responsive Pleading Deadline* pursuant to Local Rule 7.2, state:

1. Plaintiffs filed their complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief in this case on December 29, 2021. (Doc. No. 1). Plaintiffs also filed a motion for preliminary injunction and a brief in support on that date. (Doc. Nos. 2-3).

2. Defendants' response to the PI motion is due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. (Doc. No. 37). Plaintiffs' reply is due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. *Id.* The preliminary injunction hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022, and is expected to last several days.

3. In light of the preliminary injunction proceedings in this case, the Defendants need additional time to file their responsive pleading.

4. Counsel for the parties have conferred, and Plaintiffs have no objection to an extension of time to and including a period within 14 days after the entry of an order either granting or denying Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction for the Defendants to file their responsive pleading in this case.

5. Defendants seek this extension in good faith and not for any improper purpose.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that the Court enter an order extending their responsive pleading deadline until 14 days after the entry of an order either granting or denying Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction and for all other relief to which they may be entitled.

Dated: January 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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