

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NO. 1:15-CV-00399

SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, *et al.*,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*)
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Defendants.)
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**DEFENDANTS' REPORT ON TIME REQUESTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO ENACT NEW LEGISLATIVE PLANS**

Defendants hereby submit this report regarding the time requested by the General Assembly to enact new legislative plans, consistent with the court's judgment of August 15, 2016.

In 2011, The General Assembly enacted legislative plans on or about July 28, 2011. Defendants request that the General Assembly be given a similar amount of time to consider and enact new plans in 2017 and therefore request that the Court set a deadline of July 28, 2017, for the General Assembly to enact new plans consistent with the court's judgment on August 15, 2017. Defendants also request that members elected in November 2016 be allowed to serve their full two year term and that no special election for legislative offices be ordered for November 2017 or any other date.

Defendants met and conferred with plaintiffs on September 9, 2016, and were unable to reach an agreement with the plaintiffs concerning a reasonable amount of time for the General Assembly to Consider and enact new legislative plans. Defendants will explain the basis for their request in their brief to be filed in this matter on October 21, 2016.

This the 9th day of September 2016.

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