

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 1:24-cv-21983-JB

CUBANOS PA'LANTE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
and CORD BYRD, in his official capacity as  
Florida Secretary of State,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF REPLY MEMORANDUM  
DEADLINE AND FOR ADDITIONAL PAGES**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A), Defendant, Florida House of Representatives, respectfully moves the Court for a minor extension of the deadline to file its Summary Judgment Reply Memorandum and for a five-page enlargement of its Reply Memorandum.

1. On August 4, 2025, the House filed a Motion for Summary Judgment seeking summary judgment as to all eight districts that Plaintiffs challenge. ECF No. 122.
2. On August 19, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their opposing memorandum of law. ECF No. 127.
3. The current deadline for the House's Reply Memorandum is September 2, 2025. ECF No. 125.
4. The House seeks four additional business days to file its Reply Memorandum on **September 8, 2025**.

5. This brief extension is sought to allow sufficient time to adequately review and respond to Plaintiffs' Response Memorandum and Statement of Facts (collectively, "Plaintiffs' Response"), given the large volume of materials filed with Plaintiffs' Response.

6. In addition, on August 18, 2025, a three-judge court in the Middle District of Florida entered a final order and a 78-page memorandum opinion in *Nord Hodges v. Albritton*, No. 8:24-cv-00879 (M.D. Fla.), D.E. No. 177, rejecting a similar racial-gerrymandering challenge to a State Senate district. The decision in *Nord Hodges* might impact the House's arguments in its Reply Memorandum.

7. A brief extension of the Reply Memorandum deadline will accommodate these competing demands and will not prejudice any party. The extension will not impact any other deadlines established by the Court, including oral argument on the House's Motion for Summary Judgment scheduled for October 29, 2025. ECF No. 98 at 2.

8. This Court may extend deadlines for "good cause." Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A). The authority of district courts to control their dockets "includes broad discretion in deciding how best to manage the cases before them." *Smith v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc.*, 750 F.3d 1253, 1262 (11th Cir. 2014) (internal marks omitted).

9. Additionally, due to the complex nature issues of the issues presented and the large volume of information referenced in Plaintiffs' Response, the House seeks a five-page enlargement of its Reply Memorandum. This page increase will enable the House to properly address Plaintiffs' Response as to all eight challenged districts.

10. The extension of time is sought in good faith and not for purposes of delay. Likewise, the request for an additional five pages is sought to facilitate the presentation of complex issues.

11. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(a)(2), a proposed order is attached as Exhibit A.

**WHEREFORE**, Defendant, the Florida House of Representatives, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time through **September 8, 2025**, to file its Summary Judgment Reply Memorandum and for a five-page enlargement of its Reply Memorandum.

**LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(2) CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL**

Counsel for the House conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel in a good-faith effort to resolve the issues raised in this motion via emails dated August 26 and 27. Plaintiffs take no position on the relief requested herein.

Dated August 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Exhibit A**

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**ORDER ON FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF REPLY  
MEMORANDUM DEADLINE AND FOR ADDITIONAL PAGES**

This matter is before the Court on the Florida House of Representatives' Motion for Extension of Reply Memorandum Deadline and for Additional Pages (ECF No. \_\_\_\_). The House seeks an extension of its deadline to file its reply memorandum of law to Plaintiffs' response in opposition to the House's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 127) and an enlargement of five (5) pages for the House's reply memorandum of law. The Court finds that good cause supports the request. The Court therefore **ORDERS** and **ADJUDGES** as follows:

1. The House's Motion for Extension of Reply Memorandum Deadline and for Additional Pages is **GRANTED**.

2. The House must file its reply memorandum of law to Plaintiffs' response in opposition to the House's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 127) by **September 8, 2025**.

3. The House may use five (5) additional pages for its reply memorandum of law.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2025.

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**BRITT C. GRANT**  
**UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE**

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**RODOLFO A. RUIZ II**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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**JACQUELINE BECERRA**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**