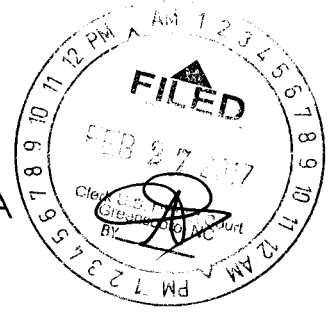


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



RUSSELL F. WALKER,	)	
Plaintiff	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
North Carolina State Board of Elections	)	C.A. NO. 1:17CV78
	)	
and	)	
	)	
Hoke County Board of Elections,	)	
Defendants	)	

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS**

COMES NOW, Russell Walker, plaintiff and prays that this Court put this matter on an expedited basis and also not grant extensions of time in which the defendants may Answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint.

This matter is subject to the time constraints of fall 2017 elections.

This case is similar to another case in this court, Covington vs. North Carolina, 1:15CV399. This Court has mandated that elections be held in November 2017. The Covington matter

is currently subject to a stay in the United States Supreme Court under North Carolina v. Covington, 16-649 in that Court.

While we cannot predict the resolution of the Covington matter, if any relief is to be given to the voters of Hoke County, it will take time to review this case and define voting districts and voting places as well as time for candidate preparation.

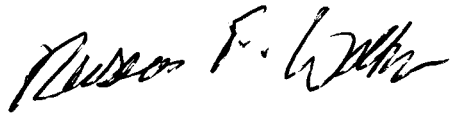
There are approximately 50,000 people in Hoke County. The number of people affected by "at large" voting is large.

The Covington District Court Order stated in part ---

"While special elections have costs, those costs pale in comparison to the injury caused by allowing citizens to continue to be represented by legislators elected pursuant to a racial gerrymander."

The underlying complaint is truly *Pro Bono Publico* in that the real plaintiff parties-in-interest are the voters of Hoke County.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell F. Walker

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have placed a copy of this Motion for Expedited Proceedings in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid on 24 February 2017 to:

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