

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

**In the Matter of the 2021
Redistricting Cases**
(Matanuska-Susitna Borough, S-18328)
(City of Valdez, S-18329)
(Municipality of Skagway, S-18330)
(Alaska Redistricting Board, S-18332)

Supreme Court No. **S-18332**
(S-18328, S-18329, S-18330, & S-
18332 consolidated)

Order

Date of Order: **2/22/2022**

Trial Court Case No. **3AN-21-08869CI**

Before: Winfree, Chief Justice, Borghesan and Henderson, Justices,
and Matthews and Eastaugh, Senior Justices*

Upon consideration of the notices of appeal filed on 2/17/2022, and because the 2/15/2022 superior court decision in this matter ordered remand to the Alaska Redistricting Board for further proceedings, there is no “final judgment” for purposes of direct appeal. *See City and Borough of Juneau v. Thibodeaux*, 595 P.2d 626 (Alaska 1979). Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The 2/17/2022 orders converting the parties’ notices of appeal to petitions for review remain in effect, and the Redistricting Board’s 2/18/2022 motion for reconsideration is **DENIED**.
2. All petitions from the 2/15/2022 superior court decision will be consolidated for consideration by this court. The caption shall be set out as above. All petitions and responses will be assigned Supreme Court Case No. S-18332.
3. Petitions for review from the 2/15/2022 decision would have been due under Appellate Rule 216.5(h) on or before 2/22/2022. The

* Both sitting by assignment made under article IV, section 11 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Administrative Rule 23(a).

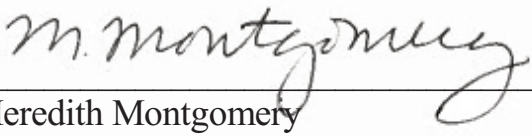
court *sua sponte* extends the time for any party to file a petition for review and to file responses. The clerk of the appellate courts will conduct a scheduling conference on Tuesday, 2/22/2022 at 4:00PM via Zoom to discuss dates for petitions, responses, and oral argument. Counsel for all parties or amici curiae in the superior court who intend to participate in the petitions are expected to attend the scheduling conference.

4. Petitions and responses may not exceed 50 pages. Memos filed by amicus curiae may not exceed 25 pages. All pleadings must comply with Appellate Rule 513.5.
5. In invoking the court's discretionary review, parties should focus their petitions on the procedural and substantive merits of their case. The court is aware of the importance of redistricting disputes and the need for prompt review.
6. Although Appellate Rule 210 normally does not apply to petitions for review, the parties must submit excerpts of record in accordance with Appellate Rule 210(c). In addition, the parties must submit an "executive excerpt," containing only those record materials (transcripts, documents, and exhibits) most critical to the court's understanding and accurate resolution of the petitions. The executive excerpt should, if possible, not exceed 250 pages.
7. Parties must submit all documents filed with the court electronically in PDF format to pleadings@akcourts.gov. In addition, six courtesy copies should be delivered to the Appellate Clerk's Office on the Fourth Floor of the Boney Courthouse located at 303 K Street, in Anchorage AK.
8. The service requirements of Appellate Rule 216.5(k) are relaxed to allow filing and delivery of documents by electronic mail.

Entered at the direction of the court.

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