

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE)	
BLACK CAUCUS, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	CASE NO. 2:12-CV-691
v.)	(Three-Judge Court)
)	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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DEMETRIUS NEWTON, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	CASE NO. 2:12-CV-1081
v.)	(Three-Judge Court)
)	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 42(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the three-judge court finds that these actions involve common questions of law and fact and that consolidation would eliminate unnecessary repetition and confusion. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that civil actions 2:12-CV-691 and 2:12-CV-1081 are CONSOLIDATED before the three-judge court.

It is further ORDERED that the lead case shall be 2:12-CV-691 and that all pleadings, motions, briefs, orders, and other documents shall be filed only in 2:12-CV-691. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to take all necessary steps to consolidate the two actions.

DONE this 19th day of December, 2012.

/s/ William H. Pryor, Jr.
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE
PRESIDING

/s/ W. Keith Watkins
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE