

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
CENTRAL DIVISION

JACKIE WILLIAMS SIMPSON,  
REPRESENTATIVE DENISE ENNETT,  
WANDA KING, CHARLES E. BOLDEN,  
SENATOR LINDA CHESTERFIELD, and  
DR. ANIKA WHITFIELD

PLAINTIFFS

v. No. 4:22-CV-213-JM  
ASA HUTCHINSON, in his official capacity  
as Governor of the State of Arkansas;  
JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity  
as the Arkansas Secretary of State; and the  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

DEFENDANTS

**ORDER**

Plaintiffs filed this action challenging the 2021 Arkansas Congressional Redistricting Plan and have requested a three-judge panel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284(a), which requires the convention of a three-judge panel to hear certain actions challenging the apportionment of congressional districts. The relevant procedure to convene a three-judge panel requires the judge to whom the request is presented to notify the chief judge of the circuit upon the filing of a request for three judges, unless the single judge “determines that three judges are not required.” 28 U.S.C. § 2284(a). If Defendants oppose the request for a three-judge panel, their objection must be filed by March 23, 2022.

Defendants request for an extension of time to respond to the complaint (Doc. 6) is otherwise granted. They are given until April 12, 2022 to respond to the complaint.

It is so ordered this 16th day of March, 2022.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE