

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

**COMMON CAUSE OF
FLORIDA, et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 5:22cv59-TKW-MJF

LAUREL LEE, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER TRANSFERRING VENUE
AND 28 U.S.C. §2284 NOTIFICATION**

This case was filed yesterday challenging the constitutionality of the plan passed by the Florida Legislature to reapportion the state's congressional districts based on the 2020 Census data. The case was opened in the Panama City Division because that was the division selected by counsel in CM/ECF. The selection was an apparent error because the caption of the case and its subject matter clearly indicate that the case should be in the Tallahassee Division. Additionally, based on the subject-matter of the complaint, a three-judge district court needs to be convened under 28 U.S.C. §2284(a). Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that:

1. This case is transferred to the Tallahassee Division *sua sponte* and the Clerk shall randomly reassign the case to a district judge in that division.

2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2284(b)(1), the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit is notified of the need to convene a three-judge district court in this case.

3. The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit.

DONE and ORDERED this 12th day of March, 2022.

T. Kent Wetherell, II

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**