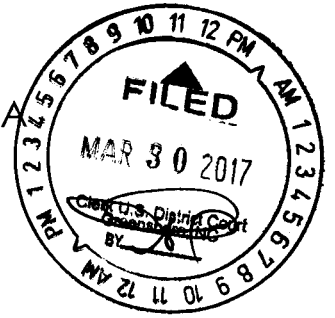


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



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 REVIEW

This Court in the case of Covington vs. North Carolina (1:15-CV-399) on Nov 29, 2016 issued an Order calling for elections in the fall of 2017. The United States Supreme Court issued a stay in this matter. North Carolina vs. Covington on 10 January 2017.

While we cannot predict the outcome in Covington, there is a very real possibility that elections will be called for this fall.

I pray that this case be put on an expedited review basis so

that in the event of fall 2017 elections that the various election boards, political parties and candidates have sufficient time to prepare.

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 decide upon voting places.

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

The Covington 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* as the real parties-in-interest are the voters of Hoke County.

Russell F. Walker

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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