

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NO. 1:15-CV-00399

SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, *et al.*,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*)
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Defendants.)
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**LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS’
MOTION TO EXPEDITE
RULING ON PLAINTIFFS’
OBJECTIONS**

Legislative defendants respectfully move the Court to expedite its final ruling on plaintiffs’ Objections to the 2017 House and Senate redistricting plans (“Objections”) (D.E. 189). Specifically, legislative defendants request the Court’s final ruling on or before January 10, 2018—the next date that the North Carolina General Assembly is scheduled to be in session. Doing so will protect the State’s ability to seek meaningful Supreme Court review and take additional legislative action if necessary. To facilitate a ruling by that date, legislative defendants respectfully suggest that the hearing on the Special Master’s Recommended Plan and Report, currently scheduled for January 5, 2018, be held instead on or before December 22, 2017.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and in the contemporaneously filed brief, legislative defendants respectfully request that the Court issue its final ruling on the Objections on or before January 10, 2018.

This 11th day of December, 2017.

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