

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2021-3538

DIVISION "C"

SECTION 10

RYAN BERNI, ET AL.

VERSUS

R. KYLE ARDOIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS

LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

JUDGMENT WITH INCORPORATED REASONS

This matter came for hearing on August 20, 2021 on Defendant's, R. Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, Declinatory Exceptions of Improper Venue and Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction, and Peremptory Exceptions of No Cause of Action and No Right of Action.

Present: Celia Cangelosi, Jeffrey Wale, and Lauryn Sudduth, Attorneys for the Defendant R.Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as Louisiana Secretary of State;

Darrel Papillion, Jennifer Wise Moroux, Abha Khanna, Jonathan Hawley, Laletha Madduri, and Jacob Shelly, attorneys for the Plaintiffs

After considering the pleadings, memoranda, argument of counsel, and the law, the Court finds that challenges to redistricting laws may be brought immediately upon release of official data showing district imbalance before reapportionment occurs in accordance with *Arrington v. Election Board*, 173 F.Supp. 2d 358 (E.D. Wis. Feb. 1, 2001). The Court also finds that venue is proper, because Orleans Parish is where plaintiffs' claim arise, in that plaintiffs' causes of action arise from the malapportionment injury suffered in Orleans parish and therefore:

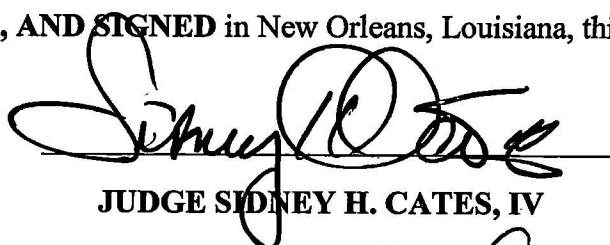
IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's Declinatory exception of Improper Venue is hereby **OVERRULED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's Declinatory exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction is hereby **OVERRULED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's peremptory exception of No Cause of Action is hereby **OVERRULED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's peremptory exception of No Right of Action is hereby **OVERRULED**.

JUDGMENT READ, RENDERED, AND SIGNED in New Orleans, Louisiana, this 16th day of November, 2021.


JUDGE SIDNEY H. CATES, IV


11/18/21

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In accordance with Article 1913 C.C.P., you are hereby notified that Judgment
in the above entitled and numbered cause was signed on November 16, 2021

New Orleans, Louisiana
November 17, 2021

MINUTE CLERK

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