## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Georgia, Defendant.

COAKLEY PENDERGRASS et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER et al., Defendants.

ANNIE LOIS GRANT et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER et al., Defendants. **CIVIL ACTION FILE** 

No. 1:21-CV-5337-SCJ

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No. 1:21-CV-5339-SCJ

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No. 1:22-CV-122-SCJ

## <u>ORDER</u>

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2403(a), the Court hereby certifies to the United States Attorney General that the constitutionality of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 52 U.S.C. § 10301(b) has been called into question in the above-stated litigations as affirmative defenses in the Pretrial Order. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., et al. v. Brad Raffensperger, 1:21-cv-5337-SCJ (N.D. Ga. Aug. 15, 2023) Doc. No. [280], 24; Coakley Pendergrass, et al. v. Brad Raffensperger, et al., 1:21-cv-5339-SCJ (N.D. Ga. Aug. 15, 2023) Doc. No. [231], 24; Annie Lois Grant, et al. v. Brad Raffensperger, et al., 1:22-cv-122-SCJ (N.D. Ga. Aug. 15, 2023) Doc. No. [243], 24. The Attorney General is requested to submit his position as to intervention in reference to this issue no later than 60 DAYS of the date of this Certification Order. The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this Order to: the Honorable Merrick Garland, United States Attorney General, at the following address: 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 4th day of October, 2023.

HONORABLE STEVE C. JONES UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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