

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE)	
BLACK CAUCUS, BOBBY)	
SINGLETON, ALABAMA)	
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK)	
COUNTY OFFICIALS, FRED)	
ARMSTEAD, GEORGE BOWMAN,)	CASE NO. 2:12-CV-691-WKW
RHONDEL RHONE, ALBERT F.)	(Three-Judge Court)
TURNER, JR., and JILES)	
WILLIAMS, JR., individually and)	
on behalf of others similarly situated,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, and)	
BETH CHAPMAN, in her official)	
capacity as Alabama Secretary of)	
State,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Before the three-judge court is a Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, to Stay (Doc. # 14), filed by Defendant State of Alabama and Beth Chapman in her official capacity. Upon careful consideration of the motion, response, reply, and surreply (Docs. # 14, 15, 20, 23), as well as the supporting and opposing authority, it is ORDERED that the motion to stay is GRANTED until further order of the three-judge court.

Plaintiffs and Defendants are DIRECTED to file a joint report on or before **October 31, 2012**, concerning the status of the declaratory judgment action in *Alabama v. Holder*, No. 1:12-CV-1232 (D.D.C. July 26, 2012), and the preclearance submission pending before the Attorney General of the United States.

DONE this 19th day of September, 2012.

/s/ William H. Pryor, Jr.
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE
PRESIDING

/s/ W. Keith Watkins
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE