

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

O. JOHN BENISEK; STEPHEN M. SHAPIRO;  
and MARIA B. PYCHA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 1:13-cv-03233-JKB

BOBBIE S. MACK, Chairman; and LINDA H.  
LAMONE,

Defendants.

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IT APPEARING to the undersigned Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the United States that a civil action as above entitled was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland wherein the plaintiffs challenge the Maryland legislative election districts created in October 2011 and request assignment of a three-judge district court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284; and

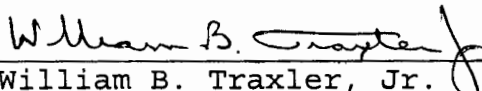
IT APPEARING that the Honorable James K. Bredar has notified the undersigned, pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision in Shapiro v. McManus, 136 S. Ct. 450 (2015), of the need to convene a court of three judges as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2284; and

IT APPEARING that the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer, the Honorable Ellen Lipton Hollander, and the Honorable George L. Russell, III, were previously designated to serve as a three-judge court in actions now pending in the district court that also challenge Maryland's legislative election districts; and

IT APPEARING to be in the interest of sound judicial administration that all actions be assigned to the same three-judge court,

NOW, THEREFORE, I DO HEREBY DESIGNATE the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer, United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; the Honorable Ellen Lipton Hollander, United States District Judge for the District of Maryland; and the Honorable George L. Russell, III, United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, to serve in the hearing and determination of this matter, as provided by law, the three to constitute a district court of three judges as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 2284.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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William B. Traxler, Jr.  
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Fourth Circuit