

1.

I am over the age of 21 years and am in all ways competent to give testimony, suffering no physical or mental disabilities.

2.

I am aware of the fact that this declaration is being submitted in support of Secretary of State Brian Kemp's Brief in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.

3.

I am the Director of Elections for the State Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State. The Elections Division is responsible for carrying out the duties of the Secretary of State pertaining to election laws, including compiling and maintaining election results, as well as carrying out other responsibilities.

4.

The 2018 Elections and Voter Registration Calendar is attached to this declaration as Exhibit 1.

5.

Voter turnout in special elections is usually considerably lower in Special Elections than in General Primary and General Elections.

6.

The following candidates have qualified for the May 22, 2018 primary elections for House Districts 73, 104, 105, 109, 110, 111, and 130. Those districts with more than one challenger for a party's nomination will hold a primary.

QUALIFYING CANDIDATES	
DISTRICT 73 – No Primary	
KAREN MATHIAK	REPUBLICAN
DISTRICT 104 – No Primary	
ANDREA STEPHENSON	DEMOCRATIC
CHUCK EFSTRATION	REPUBLICAN
DISTRICT 105 – No Democratic Primary	
DONNA MCLEOD	DEMOCRATIC
DONNA SHELDON	REPUBLICAN
PATRICK BATUBENGE	REPUBLICAN
ROBIN MAUCK	REPUBLICAN
DISTRICT 109	
DALE RUTLEDGE	REPUBLICAN
J. BLAKE PRINCE	REPUBLICAN
DENISE GAINES-EDMOND	DEMOCRATIC
REGINA LEWIS-WARD	DEMOCRATIC
DISTRICT 110 – No Primary	
ANDY WELCH	REPUBLICAN
DISTRICT 111 – No Republican Primary	
GEOFF CAUBLE	REPUBLICAN
EL-MAHDI HOLLY	DEMOCRATIC
I. DARRYL PAYTON	DEMOCRATIC
TARJI LEONARD DUNN	DEMOCRATIC
DISTRICT 130 – No Democratic Primary	
DAVID KNIGHT	REPUBLICAN
RAYMOND RAY	REPUBLICAN

7.

In Georgia, the county boards of registrars or boards of elections and registrars serve as the registrar for that county. County officials determine whether applicants are eligible to register to vote and are responsible for updating any information concerning voters in their registration file, including moving individual voters from one state house district to another. The Secretary of State does not have a systematic way of moving voters from one district to another.

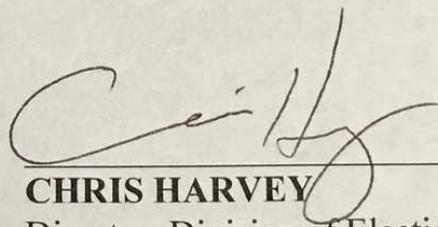
8.

Elections are run like railroads. Their dates, deadlines, and time limits are generally fixed years in advance by statute, and systems used in elections, such as the statewide voter registration database and its many functions are designed to work in a predictable and sequential manner. The difficulties raised by attempting to redistrict voters in the voter registration system between an election and a runoff was not contemplated when Georgia's voter registration system was designed. The redistricting process in the voter registration system is a time-consuming and manual process done by each county. Redistricting has never been attempted between an election and a runoff election, and might have unforeseen consequences. A voter's eligibility to vote in a specific election is set by the registration calendar, and the voter registration system and previous practice do not

contemplate moving voters between voting districts in-between elections. Voters are programmed into the electronic poll books where their specific ballots are assigned, weeks before the election, and the same list that is used for the election is used for runoff elections. Assigning voters to Congressional, Senate, and House districts is done well in advance of each election, and voters are required to be notified changes to their district and polling place in advance of elections.

I declare under penalty of perjury, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

This 26th day of March, 2018.



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