

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 NO. 1:15-CV-00399

SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, *et al.*, )  
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 Plaintiffs, )  
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 v. )  
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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.* )  
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 Defendants. )  
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**NOTICE BY THE LEGISLATIVE  
 DEFENDANTS**

On June 8, 2017, plaintiffs filed motions seeking deadlines for a remedial redistricting plan and an evidentiary hearing concerning whether additional relief, including special elections, should be granted. (D.E. 150, 151) On June 9, 2017, the Court issued a “Notice” to the parties inviting “position statements” on plaintiffs’ motions as well as several inquiries from the Court. (D.E. 153, p.3) The Court invited the parties to file these statements “as expeditiously as possible” but did not otherwise set a briefing schedule. (*Id.*) On June 15, 2017, the Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs’ request to expedite issuance of the judgment and immediately return this matter to this Court’s jurisdiction. (S. Ct. Dkts. 16-649, 16-1023)

The legislative defendants respectfully notify the Court that they intend to submit a statement of position addressing the issues raised in plaintiffs’ motions and the Court’s notice once this Court regains jurisdiction. Unless otherwise directed by the Court after it regains jurisdiction, the legislative defendants intend to file this statement no later than three business days after the United States Supreme Court certifies and issues the

judgments in Nos. 16-649 and 16-1023, whereby this Court will gain jurisdiction over this matter.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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