

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

KHADIDAH STONE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CHRIS REP. PRINGLE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:21-cv-1531-AMM

EXHIBIT 24

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	
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v.)	Case No. 2:21-cv-1531-AMM
)	
WES ALLEN, in his official capacity)	
as Secretary of State of Alabama, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
<i>Defendants.</i>)	

DECLARATION OF SEN. STEVE LIVINGSTON

1. My name is Steve Livingston. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
2. I represent Alabama Senate District 8 in the Alabama Legislature, where I also am the Senate Chair of the Legislature's Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment (the "Reapportionment Committee").
3. Despite its name, the primary task of the Reapportionment Committee is redistricting.
4. The Reapportionment Committee is responsible for proposing new statewide redistricting plans for congressional, Alabama House of Representatives, Alabama Senate, and State Board of Education districts.
5. I was not the Senate Chair of the Reapportionment Committee in 2021 when the Senate's current districts were drawn and passed into law as SB1.

My only involvement in the development and design of the current Senate districts was voting on them as an individual member of the Legislature. Consequently, I know how my own district was drawn, but I have little information about how other Senate districts were drawn.

6. As the current Senate Chair of the Reapportionment Committee, I will have a leadership role in the development and design of any proposed new Senate districts. However, neither the Reapportionment Committee nor the Senate is required to accept any such proposed plan, which could be amended, substituted, or rejected in favor another districting plan.

7. I have reviewed the Prayer for Relief¹ in the Fourth Amended Complaint. I have no power to grant the relief requested, neither as Senate Chair of the Reapportionment Committee nor as a member of the Legislature.

8. Specifically, I cannot declare that SB1 violates the Voting Rights Act. I have no authority to prevent the 2021 Senate districts from being used in

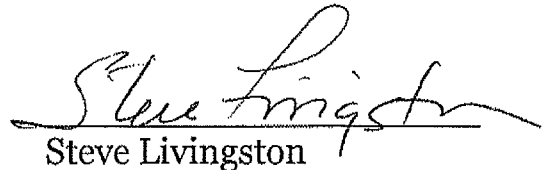
¹ "WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court:

A. Declare the State Senate districting plan adopted in SB 1 a violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965;
B. Enjoin the Defendants and their agents from holding elections in the challenged districts adopted in SB 1 and any adjoining districts necessary to remedy the Voting Rights Act violations, 42 U.S.C. § 1983; 52 U.S.C. § 10302(b);
C. Set a reasonable deadline for the State of Alabama to adopt and enact a districting plan for the State Senate that remedies the Voting Rights Act violations;
D. Award Plaintiffs their costs, expenses, disbursements, and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in bringing this action pursuant to and in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 10310(e) and 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b);
E. Retain jurisdiction over this matter until all Defendants have complied with all orders and mandates of this Court;
F. Retain jurisdiction over this matter and require all Defendants to subject future State Senate redistricting plans for preclearance review from this court or the U.S. Attorney General under Section 3(c) of the VRA, 52 U.S.C. § 10302(c);
G. Grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper." Doc. 126, Prayer for Relief.

elections. I have no authority to cause the adoption and enactment of a new Senate redistricting plan. I cannot exercise the Court's judicial power. And I cannot exercise of determine any preclearance requirements.

I declare under penalty of the perjury laws of the United States of America that the forgoing is true and correct.

Date: 12/19/23


Steve Livingston