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FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL OR PARTIES

Appeal Numbers: 24-10230, 24-1023, & 24-10241-AA

Case Style: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, et al., v. Secretary of State, State of Georgia

District Court Docket No: 1:21-cv-05337-SCJ

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MOT-2 Notice of Court Action

In the
United States Court of Appeals
For the Eleventh Circuit

No. 24-10230

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.,
a nonprofit organization on behalf of members residing in Georgia,
SIXTH DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

a Georgia nonprofit organization,
ERIC T. WOODS,
KENNETH GLENN
PHIL BROWN,
JANICE STEWART,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

KATIE BAILEY GLENN,

Plaintiff,

versus

SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant-Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Georgia
D.C. Docket No. 1:21-cv-05337-SCJ

No. 24-10231

COAKLEY PENDERGRASS,
TRIANA ARNOLD JAMES,
ELLIOTT HENNINGTON,
ROBERT RICHARDS,
JENS RUECKERT,
OJUAN GLAZE,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

SECRETARY, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Georgia
D.C. Docket No. 1:21-cv-05339-SCJ

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No. 24-10241

ANNIE LOIS GRANT,
QUENTIN T. HOWELL,
ELROY TOLBERT,
TRIANA ARNOLD JAMES,
EUNICE SYKES, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

SECRETARY, STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Georgia
D.C. Docket No. 1:22-cv-00122-SCJ

Before JORDAN and JILL PRYOR, Circuit Judges, and MORENO,* District Judge.

BY THE COURT:

* The Honorable Federico A. Moreno, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, sitting by designation.

In 2021, the state of Georgia adopted new congressional, state house, and state senate maps. After the maps were adopted, various plaintiffs brought three separate lawsuits alleging that the maps violated § 2 of the Voting Rights Act. After a bench trial, the district court declared that each map violated § 2 and enjoined Georgia’s Secretary of State from using the maps in future elections. In each case, the Secretary appealed the district court’s decision that the maps violated § 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

While the Secretary’s appeals were pending, the Georgia General Assembly adopted remedial maps. The plaintiffs returned to district court in the three underlying cases, where they objected to the new maps and sought further relief. The district court overruled their objections and approved the remedial maps. The plaintiffs appealed these decisions, arguing that the remedial maps failed to remedy the § 2 violation they had proven at the bench trial. We stayed the plaintiffs’ appeals until the Secretary’s appeals in the cases concerning the 2021 maps were decided.

Last week, another panel of this Court issued an opinion resolving the Secretary’s appeals. *See Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. v. Sec’y, State of Ga.*, Nos. 23-13914, 23-13916, 23-13921, 2026 WL 2491616 (11th Cir. Aug. 25, 2026) (unpublished). The opinion explained that when the district court entered its judgment that there was a § 2 violation, “courts in this Circuit operated under the forty-year-old *Gingles* framework for racial gerrymandering and other vote-dilution claims.” *Id.* at *1. But the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, 146 S. Ct. 1111 (2026), modified this

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framework and “changed the existing understanding of vote-dilution cases.” *Id.* The opinion vacated the district court’s judgment and remanded the cases for the district court to consider “whether Georgia’s redistricting plans violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act under the updated *Callais* framework.” *Id.*

Because the opinion in the Secretary’s appeals has now issued, we LIFT the stay in these appeals.

We DIRECT the parties to file supplemental briefs addressing the effect of this Court’s recent opinion in the Secretary’s appeals. The parties shall submit simultaneous briefs on September 25, 2026. The briefs shall not exceed 15 pages.