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## NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE STATE OF LOUISIANA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ("NAACP") LOUISIANA STATE CONFERENCE, POWER COALITION FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE, DOROTHY NAIRNE, EDWIN RENÉ SOULÉ, ALICE WASHINGTON, AND CLEE EARNEST LOWE,

Civil Action No. C-716837

Div.: C

Sec.: 25

Plaintiffs,

v.

R. KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as Louisiana Secretary of State,

Defendant.

## MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF WITHOUT PREJUDICE

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Plaintiffs NAACP Louisiana State Conference (the "Louisiana NAACP"), Power Coalition for Equity and Justice (the "Power Coalition"), Dorothy Nairne, Edwin René Soulé, Alice Washington, and Clee Earnest Lowe, by and through their undersigned counsel, submit this motion to voluntarily dismiss Plaintiffs' March 15, 2022 Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief without prejudice.

Plaintiffs have conferred with the defendant and the defendant-intervenors and they oppose this motion.

On February 18, 2022, the Legislature passed H.B. 1 and S.B. 5, bills adopting a proposed Louisiana Congressional redistricting plan. The Louisiana House of Representatives voted 62-27 in favor of H.B. 1 and 64-31 in favor of S.B. 5. The Louisiana Senate voted 27-10 to approve H.B. 1 and 26-9 to approve S.B. 5. On March 9, 2022, Governor Edwards vetoed both H.B. 1 and S.B. 5. On March 30, 2022, the Louisiana Legislature voted to override the Governor's veto, allowing H.B. 1 and S.B. 5 to become law.

In light of the Legislature's override of the Governor's veto, and pursuant to La. Code Civ. Proc. Ann. art. 1671, Plaintiffs respectfully ask this Court to voluntarily dismiss without prejudice

Plaintiffs' petition against Defendants on the grounds that the claim contained therein has been rendered moot.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above and foregoing has been sent via electronic mail to all known counsel of record on this 31st Day of March, 2022.

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