

**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NUMBER C-716690**

**SECTION 24**

**JAMES BULLMAN, KIRK GREEN, STEPHEN HANDWERK, DARRYL MALEK-  
WILEY, AMBER ROBINSON, and POOJA PRAZID**

**VERSUS**

**R. KYLE ARDOIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE**

**\*\*\*\*\*CONSOLIDATED WITH\*\*\*\*\***

**NUMBER C-716837**

**SECTION 25**

**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**

**VERSUS**

**R. KYLE ARDOIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE**

**PETITION FOR DEVOLUTIVE APPEAL**

**NOW INTO COURT**, through undersigned counsel, comes R. Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as Louisiana Secretary of State, Defendant in these consolidated cases, who prays for a devolutive appeal from the judgments signed in these consolidated matters on April 5, 2022, and May 5, 2022.

1.

The Louisiana Secretary of State requests an order permitting him to devolutively appeal the judgment granting the motion to dismiss in favor of Plaintiffs, NAACP Louisiana State Conference, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice), Dorothy Nairne, Edwin René Soulé, Alice Washington, and Clee Earnest Lowe, which was signed on April 5, 2022, and further requests that the court set a return date for said appeal.

2.

The Louisiana Secretary of State requests an order permitting him to devolutively appeal the judgment granting the motion to dismiss in favor of the Math/Science Intervenors, which was signed on May 5, 2022, and further requests that the court set a return date for said appeal.

3.

The Louisiana Secretary of State further requests an order permitting him to devolutively appeal the judgment granting the motion to dismiss in favor of Plaintiffs, James Bullman, Kirk Green, Stephen Handwerk, Darryl Malek-Wiley, Amber Robinson, and Pooja Prazid, which was signed on May 5, 2022, and further requests that the court set a return date for said appeal.

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By law, the Louisiana Secretary of State, cannot be required to prepay any costs of court. La. R.S. 13:4521.

5.


R. Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as the Louisiana Secretary of State, requests that this Court sign the attached order of appeal and specify a return date for this appeal as per La. C.C.P. Art. 2125.

**WHEREFORE**, R. Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as the Louisiana Secretary of State, prays that this Honorable Court grant him a devolutive appeal from this court's judgments of April 5, 2022, and May 5, 2022, returnable to the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, and set a return date therefore, with responsibility for prepayment of the estimated costs of appeal dispensed with.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above and foregoing has on this date been served upon all known counsel of record by electronic mail at the email address provided.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

  
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