

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

PAUL BERRY III,

Plaintiff,

V.

DENNY HOSKINS, *in his official capacity
as Missouri Secretary of State*

Defendant.

Case No. 4:26-cv-1419-JAR

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

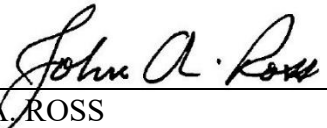
This matter is before the Court on review of the complaint filed by self-represented Plaintiff Paul Berry III. (ECF No. 1). Berry asks the Court to convene a three-judge panel under 28 U.S.C. § 2284(a) with the ultimate aim of declaring the recently revived 2022 Missouri Congressional District Map unlawful and requiring the State to redraw the map no later than on September 8, 2026. (ECF No. 1 at pp. 62–63). However, that emergency relief appears to be a legal impossibility under the clear terms of § 2284(b)(2), which requires Berry to provide “at least **five days’ notice of hearing of the action**” to the Governor and Missouri Attorney General before a hearing may be held. Based on this timeline, a hearing could not occur until after what Berry appears to recognize is the effective deadline for his requested relief. (ECF No. 1 at p. 61, ¶ 199; *see also United States v. Texas*, 422 F. Supp. 917, 923 (S.D. Tex. 1976) (denying relief, in part, based on the five-day notice requirement)).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff Paul Berry III must show cause in writing no later than **12:00 p.m. CT on September 7, 2026** as to why his requests to convene a three-judge panel and obtain the equitable relief he seeks should not be denied in light of the procedural

impossibility of complying with 28 U.S.C. § 2284(b)(2). Plaintiff is advised that he must respond to this order before the Court will entertain any further request for relief.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2026.



JOHN A. ROSS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE