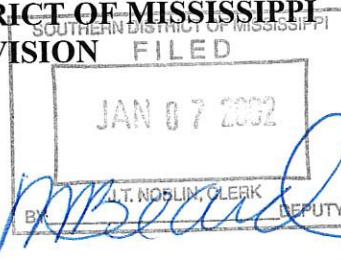


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION



JOHN ROBERT SMITH, SHIRLEY
HALL, and GENE WALKER

PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:01CV855WS

ERIC CLARK, Secretary of State of
MISSISSIPPI; MIKE MOORE, Attorney
General for the State of Mississippi;
RONNIE MUSGROVE, Governor of
Mississippi; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; and
MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

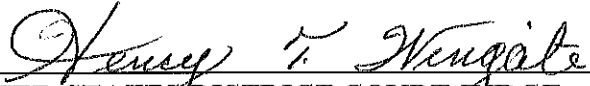
This day this cause came before the Court upon Motion for Leave to Amend of the Plaintiffs, the Motion to Intervene of Beatrice Branch and Rimes Barber and Motion for Preliminary Injunction of the Plaintiffs and the Court having heard and considered the briefs and arguments of counsel hereby orders as follows:

1. The Motion of Intervenors to intervene in this case is hereby granted;
2. The Motion of Plaintiffs to Amend their Complaint is hereby granted and the Amended Complaint is hereby allowed to be filed; and
3. The Motion for Preliminary Injunction is hereby deferred pending receipt of briefs or memoranda of law from the parties on the following schedule:
 - a. Plaintiffs and the Republican Executive Committee shall file their brief on or before Friday, January 4, 2002.

b. The State Defendants, Democratic Executive Committee, and the Intervenor shall file responsive briefs on or before January 9, 2002.

c. Plaintiffs and the Republican Executive Committee shall respond thereto on or before January 11, 2002.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of January, 2002.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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