

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

**JOHN ROBERT SMITH, SHIRLEY HALL
and GENE WALKER**

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:01-CV-855HTW-DCB

**DELBERT HOSEMANN, Secretary of State of Mississippi;
JIM HOOD, Attorney General for the State
of Mississippi; HALEY BARBOUR, Governor
of Mississippi; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; and MISSISSIPPI
DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

DEFENDANTS

vs.

**BEATRICE BRANCH; RIMS BARBER;
L. C. DORSEY; DAVID RULE; JAMES
WOODARD; JOSEPH P. HUDSON; and
ROBERT NORVEL**

INTERVENORS

CONSOLIDATED WITH

KELVIN BUCK, et al.

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:11cv717HTW-LRA

HALEY BARBOUR, et al.

DEFENDANTS

RESPONSE TO PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

In accordance with the Court's Order dated December 19, 2011 [Docket No. 118], the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi Delbert Hosemann ("Secretary") respectfully submits this response to the Panel's proposed redistricting plan [Docket No. 118-1]. The Secretary has no objection to the implementation of the Panel's proposed redistricting plan for the upcoming party primary elections and the November 2012 general election. The factors considered by the Panel in drawing the proposed redistricting plan satisfy Federal and State constitutional, statutory and secondary requirements, including minimizing split counties and

split precincts. Finalization and implementation of the proposed plan by the Panel on or before January 3, 2012 will enable the January 13, 2012 qualifying deadline to remain unchanged and allow the Secretary to conduct the upcoming elections in accordance with the schedule established by statute.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi

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