

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; )  
by and through CHARLES W. DEWITT, in )  
his official capacity as Speaker of )  
the Louisiana House of Representatives;) )  
and CHARLES EMILE BRUNEAU, JR. in his )  
official capacity as Speaker *Pro* )  
*Tempore* of the Louisiana House of )  
Representatives )  
 ) Civil Action No.  
Plaintiffs, )  
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v. )  
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JOHN ASHCROFT, in his official )  
capacity as Attorney General of the )  
United States of America ) )  
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Defendants )  
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APPLICATION FOR A THREE-JUDGE COURT

Plaintiffs respectfully move that a district court of three judges be constituted, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2284, to hear and determine this action under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, for a declaratory judgment that the proposed redistricting plan for the Louisiana House of Representatives, Act 3, Third Extraordinary Session of 2001, does not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the

right to vote on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group.