

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LOUISIANA HOUSE)
OF REPRESENTATIVES)
by Speaker Jim Tucker)
Box 94062 (900 North Third Street))
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804)
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Plaintiff)
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v.)
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UNITED STATES and ERIC HOLDER)
as Attorney General of the United States)
United States Department of Justice)
Washington, DC 20530)

Federal Defendants.

PLAINTIFF’S APPLICATION TO CONVENE THREE-JUDGE COURT

The plaintiff Louisiana House of Representatives, though counsel, respectfully moves this Court for entry of an order requesting the convening of a three-judge court. As grounds for this motion, the plaintiff would show unto the Court that:

1. Plaintiff Louisiana House of Representatives has filed this action pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1973b. Section 5 provides that “[a]ny action under [this section] shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with the provisions of Section 2284 of Title 28....”.

2. The action in the Complaint is one required by an Act of Congress to be heard and determined by a District Court of three judges in the District Court for the District of Columbia.
3. Plaintiff has conferred with defendants' anticipated counsel in this matter, and they have expressed no objection to this motion. In further effort to expedite the matter, however, counsel will fax a copy of this request to the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court will grant this motion and enter the attached order requiring the clerk of this Court to notify the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that a three-judge court is required to hear and determine this action.

Respectfully submitted,
For Plaintiff Louisiana House of Representatives,

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