

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

**JOSEPH THOMAS; VERNON AYERS;  
and MELVIN LAWSON**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**v.**

**NO. 3:18-cv-00441-CWR-FKB**

**PHIL BRYANT, Governor of the State of  
Mississippi; DELBERT HOSEMANN,  
Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi;  
and JIM HOOD, Attorney General of the  
State of Mississippi, all in the official capacities  
of their own offices and in their official  
capacities as members of the State Board  
of Election Commissioners**

**DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that Phil Bryant and Delbert Hosemann, defendants in the above-named case, acting pursuant to Rule 3 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from this Court's order precluding use of the present statutory boundaries of Mississippi Senate District 22 as violative of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which was entered in this action on February 16, 2019 [Dkt. #61].

This the 19th day of February, 2019.

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