

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 14-41127

MARC VEASEY; *et al.*,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

GREG ABBOTT, in his Official Capacity as Governor of Texas; *et al.*,

Defendants-Appellants.

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

THE VEASEY-LULAC, NAACP-MALC, TAYLOR, IMANI CLARK AND
TEXAS LEAGUE OF YOUNG VOTERS EDUCATION FUND APPELLEES'
MOTION TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF THE MANDATE

This Court's opinion recognized that SB 14, as adopted by Texas, results in discrimination against Black and Latino voters in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. In its opinion, the Court proposed potential remedies the District Court could consider to address the Voting Rights Act violation, and the United States' motion has proposed a limited remand to consider a form of interim relief. The Court's opinion requested that the parties work cooperatively with the

District Court to fashion a remedy that would “avoid election eve uncertainties and emergencies.” The Court also remanded other issues for additional consideration.

The next regularly held election in Texas is on November 3, 2015; early voting for this election begins on October 19, 2015. This Court’s mandate is not scheduled to issue until September 29, 2015. In order to give the parties and the District Court ample time to consider an appropriate remedy in advance of the upcoming November election, the undersigned movants respectfully move this Court to issue forthwith a limited mandate instructing the District Court to consider, in light of this Court’s opinion, remedial orders necessary in order to conduct the November 3, 2015 election lawfully and in compliance with the Judgment of the Court.¹

¹ The undersigned Movants will attempt to work with the State on a remedy for the upcoming November 3, 2015 election, as this Court’s decision suggested. Today the private Appellees conferred with attorneys for Texas by telephone. The state’s position on this Motion is that Texas opposes issuance of an expedited remand. Texas has indicated, as it did to the Department of Justice, that it will respond to this motion on or before August 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted on August 20, 2015,

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I certify that on August 20, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing MOTION TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF THE MANDATE with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. All participants in this case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the appellate CM/ECF system.

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