

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

GEORGIA STATE CONFERENCE
OF THE NAACP, as an
organization, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRIAN KEMP, in his official
capacity as Secretary of State for
the State of Georgia,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION FILE

NO. 1:17-cv-1427-TCB-WSD-
BBM

ORDER

This case comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to consolidate this case with *Brooks v. Kemp*, 1:17-cv-3856-TCB. [39.] These cases involve common questions of law and fact, and after review of the filings in each case, the Court believes that consolidation under Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will benefit the Court and the parties without resulting in any prejudice or confusion of issues. Further, Plaintiffs in the *Brooks* action do not oppose consolidation, and Plaintiffs in the instant action agree that some form of consolidation may be appropriate,

and only request that such consolidation not delay adjudication of their claims.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 42(a), Defendant's motion to consolidate [39] is granted. This action is consolidated with 1:17-cv-3856-TCB for all pretrial matters. It is the practice of this Court for consolidated cases to be consolidated into the first-filed case. Docketing shall therefore occur only in the first-filed case, No. 1:17-cv-1427-TCB-WSD-BBM. After docketing this Order in both cases, the Clerk is directed to consolidate all parties into the current case and administratively close case 1:17-cv-3856-TCB.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of November, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. Batten, Sr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy C. Batten, Sr.
United States District Judge