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.

STATE OF GEORGIA; et al.,

Defendants.

1:17-ev-1427-TCB-WSD-BBM

SCHEDULING ORDER

Upon review of the parties' respective proposed scheduling orders [49, 50], the Court establishes the schedule below for the GA NAACP and Thompson plaintiffs' racial gerrymandering claims. The time limits for adding parties, amending the pleadings, filing motions, completing discovery, and discussing settlement shall be in keeping with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, except as modified here:

Event	Deadline
Discovery Period	Resuming on November 20, 2017
	through and including February 16,
	2018
Fact depositions end	December 8, 2017
Plaintiffs' expert disclosures	December 22, 2017
Defendants' expert disclosures	January 24, 2018
Plaintiffs' rebuttal expert disclosures	February 5, 2018
Dispositive motions (filed)	March 2, 2018
Dispositive motions (response)	March 21, 2018
Dispositive motions (reply)	April 6, 2018
Consolidated pretrial order and Daubert	30 days after resolution of dispositive
motions	motions

Counsel are directed to confer with each other before filing dispositive motions to determine whether cross motions will be filed. If the parties anticipate filing cross-motions, counsel should establish a briefing process and schedule that will avoid duplicative briefing by, for example, providing for the filing of consolidated briefs in support of one party's motion and in opposition to the opposing party's motion. If counsel agree to modify this scheduling order to this end, they should notify the courtroom deputy for Judge Timothy C. Batten, Suzy Edwards (Suzy_Edwards@gand.uscourts.gov) before February 23, 2018.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 20th day of November, 2017.

TIMOTHY C. BATTEN, for the Court