

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

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

SCHEDULING ORDER

Upon review of Defendant's motion for modification of the scheduling order [54], the Court establishes the schedule below for the GA NAACP and Thompson plaintiffs' racial gerrymandering claims.¹ 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 (including fact witness depositions)	Resuming on November 20, 2017 through and including February 16, 2018
Plaintiffs' expert disclosures	December 22, 2017

¹ The only modification from the earlier scheduling order [51] is to permit fact witness depositions to occur throughout the entirety of the discovery period.

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 <i>Daubert</i> motions	30 days after resolution of dispositive 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 28th day of November, 2017.

Timothy C. Batten, Sr.
United States District Judge