

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

**DR. JULIUS J. LARRY III, individually
and in his official capacity as publisher-
The Little Rock Sun Community Newspaper,
and on behalf of all other similarly-situated
African Americans residing in the southeast
quadrant of the State of Arkansas**

PLAINTIFF

v.

Case No. 4:18-cv-00116 KGB

**STATE OF ARKANSAS; ASA HUTCHINSON,
in his official capacity as Governor of the State
of Arkansas; LESLIE RUTLEDGE, in her
official capacity as Attorney General of the State
of Arkansas; MARK MARTIN, in his official
capacity as Arkansas Secretary of State; and the
ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE, in their official
capacities**

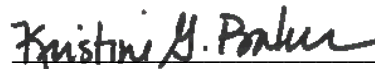
DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiff Dr. Julius J. Larry III, individually, officially as publisher of *The Little Rock Sun Community Newspaper*, and on behalf of all other similarly-situated African Americans residing in the southeast quadrant of the State of Arkansas, requests in this action a three-judge panel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284(a), which requires the convention of a three-judge panel to hear certain actions challenging the apportionment of congressional districts. The relevant procedure to convene a three-judge panel requires the judge to whom the request is presented to notify the chief judge of the circuit upon the filing of a request for three judges, unless the single judge “determines that three judges are not required.” 28 U.S.C. § 2284(a). The Court therefore orders the parties to submit briefs on the issue of whether Dr. Larry is entitled to a three-judge panel. Dr. Larry’s brief is due on February 20, 2018. The defendants’ brief, if they choose to oppose Dr. Larry’s request for a three-judge panel, must be filed by February 27, 2018.

The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Honorable Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General for the State of Arkansas, by CM/ECF and by facsimile.

It is so ordered this the 12th day of February, 2018.



Kristine G. Baker
United States District Judge