

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

-VS-

STATE OF TEXAS, JOHN SCOTT, IN
HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS TEXAS
SECRETARY OF STATE;
Defendants

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SA-21-CV-01085-XR

ORDER

On this day, the Court considered the status of this case. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) provides that if actions “involve a common question of law or fact,” the court may “consolidate the actions” or “issue any other order to avoid unnecessary cost or delay.” FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a). The decision to consolidate actions under Rule 42(a) is “entirely within the discretion of the district court as it seeks to promote the administration of justice.” *Gentry v. Smith*, 487 F.2d 571, 581 (5th Cir. 1973).

Many cases concerning S.B. 1 have already been consolidated, with 5:21-CV-844-XR being the lead case, because they share common questions of law and fact. This case shares the same common questions of law and fact as the consolidated cases. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this case, SA-21-CV-1075-XR, is consolidated with the lead case, 5:21-CV-844-XR.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 9th day of November, 2021.



XAVIER RODRIGUEZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE