# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

DR. DOROTHY NAIRNE, JARRETT LOFTON, REV. CLEE EARNEST LOWE, DR. ALICE WASHINGTON, AND DR. ROSE THOMPSON, BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE, and THE LOUISIANA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP,

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00178-SDD-SDJ

Plaintiffs,

Chief Judge Shelly D. Dick

v.

Magistrate Judge Scott D. Johnson

R. KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Louisiana,

Defendant.

# MOTION TO CONVENE THREE-JUDGE COURT OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CERTIFY AN INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL

NOW COMES Defendant R. Kyle Ardoin, in his official capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284, respectfully moves this Court to convene a three-judge district court. In the alternative, Defendant moves this Court to certify the issue for interlocutory appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292 and stay the matter pending appeal.

In support of this Motion, Defendant concurrently files a Memorandum in Support detailing the reasons why this relief should be granted.

Respectfully submitted, this the 22 day of April, 2022.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 22 day of April, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF system which I understand will send a notice of electronic filing to all parties of record.

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