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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
BATON ROUGE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
STATE OF LOUISIANA; JIMMIE H.)
DAVIS, C. C. AYCOCK, J. THOMAS)
JEWEL, as members of the Board)
of Registration of the State)
of Louisiana, and HUGH E.)
CUTRER, JR., Director and Ex)
Officio Secretary of the Board)
of Registration of the State)
of Louisiana,)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2548

D E C R E E

Pursuant to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law
and Memorandum Opinion entered in this case:

It is ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the provisions of
Article 8, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution and the
provisions of the statutes of Louisiana in so far as they
provide for or relate to the requirement that electors
must be able to understand or interpret any portion of the
Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of
the State of Louisiana are unconstitutional.

It is ORDERED that the defendants, including all parish registrars, their agents and successors are enjoined from enforcing or giving any further effect to the requirement of Article 8, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution and the statutes implementing Article 8, Section 1 in so far as they pertain to the understanding or interpretation test as a prerequisite to registration to vote.

It is ORDERED that in the following twenty-one parishes: Bienville, Claiborne, DeSoto, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, St. Helena, Union, Webster, West Carroll, West Feliciana, and Winn, the defendants, their agents and successors, including the following registrars of voters

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>REGISTRAR</u>	<u>OFFICE ADDRESS</u>
Bienville	Mrs. Pauline A. Culpepper	Arcadia, La.
Claiborne	Mrs. Louise Linton	Homer, La.
DeSoto	Sidney Wells Platt	Mansfield, La.
East Carroll	Cecil E. Manning	Lake Providence, La.
East Feliciana	Henry Earl Palmer	Clinton, La.
Franklin	Mrs. W. A. Hatton	Winnsboro, La.
Jackson	Mrs. Estelle Wilder	Jonesboro, La.
LaSalle	John S. Allen	Jena, La.
Lincoln	Mrs. Wanda C. Gibson	Ruston, La.
Morehouse	Margaret Larche	Bastrop, La.
Ouachita	Mae Lucky	Monroe, La.
Plaquemines	Mary Ethel Fox	Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.
Rapides	Cleighton L. Bushnell	Alexandria, La.
Red River	J. Walton Crawford	Coushatta, La.
Richland	Mrs. Lula C. Cheek	Rayville, La.
St. Helena	Quitman Crouch	Greensburg, La.
Union	Woodrow W. Farrar	Farmerville, La.
Webster	Mrs. Winnice P. Clement	Minden, La.
West Carroll	Mrs. Ora Cameron	Oak Grove, La.
West Feliciana	Fletcher Harvey	St. Francisville, La.
Winn	Charles H. Crain	Winnfield, La.

are ENJOINED from:

requiring, absent a general re-registration of all voters in the parish, any applicant for registration of voting age and possessed of the residence requirements as of August 3, 1962 to take the multiple-choice "citizenship" test as a prerequisite to registration to vote.

It is further ORDERED that in the said twenty-one parishes the defendants, the registrars of voters in the said twenty-one parishes, their agents and successors, file with the Clerk of this Court on or before the 15th day of the second month and each succeeding month after the date of this decree a report covering registration during the preceding month, each of said reports to include the following:

- (1) The name, address, age, race, and length of residence in the parish of each person who sought to apply for registration during the preceding reporting period;
- (2) The action taken by each registrar with respect to each such applicant, what is, whether the applicant was accepted for registration or denied registration. The report shall include the certificate number of each accepted applicant and the specific reason or reasons for rejection of each rejected applicant;

(3) The total number of persons, shown
by race, registered to vote in the
parish as of the end of the preceding
month.

It is further ORDERED that in the said twenty-one
parishes, the defendants, the registrars of voters in the
said twenty-one parishes, their agents and successors,
make available to attorneys and agents of the United States,
at any or all reasonable times, for inspection and photo-
graphing all documents, records and papers relating to the
registration of voters and to voting.

This Court retains jurisdiction of this action for the
purpose of entering such additional orders as justice may
require, including orders of modification upon proof by the
defendants that in one or more of the afore-said twenty-
one parishes the discriminatory effects of the use of the
interpretation test have ceased to exist; or upon proof by
the Plaintiff that additional parishes not embraced in this
decree have used the understanding or interpretation test
to discriminate against Negroes.

The costs of this action are hereby taxed against the
defendants.

Done this 28th day of January 1964.

I respectfully DISSENT
for the reasons previously
filed herein. I furthermore
DISSENT from the order herein
requiring the registrars to
file monthly reports with the
Clerk of Court on the ground
that such an order is wholly
unwarranted, unauthorized, and
constitutes what I consider to
be an unwarranted extra-
judicial function being
performed by this Court.

/s/ John Minor Wisdom
JOHN MINOR WISDOM
Circuit Judge

/s/ Herbert W. Christenberry
HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY
District Judge

E. GORDON WEST
District Judge

Baton Rouge, La., January 29, 1964

/s/ E. Gordon West, District Judge