

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 2022

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2021-1193, 2021-1198, and 2021-1210. League of Women Voters of Ohio v. Ohio Redistricting Comm., Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-789.

On complaint invoking this court's original jurisdiction pursuant to Article XI, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution. Petitioners' objections relating to the second revised plan's violation of Article XI, Sections 6(A) and 6(B) of the Ohio Constitution sustained. The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall be reconstituted and shall convene, and the commission shall draft and adopt an entirely new General Assembly-district plan that conforms with the Ohio Constitution, including Article XI, Sections 6(A) and 6(B). To promote transparency and increase public trust, the drafting shall occur in public and the commissioners should convene frequent meetings to demonstrate their bipartisan efforts to reach a constitutional plan within the time set by this court. Petitioners' requests for additional relief are denied at this time.

The Ohio Redistricting Commission shall file the district plan with the secretary of state no later than March 28, 2022, and shall file a copy of that plan with this court by 9:00 a.m. on March 29, 2022. This court retains jurisdiction for the purpose of reviewing the new plan.

Petitioners shall file objections, if any, to the new plan by 9:00 a.m. three days after the new plan is filed in this court. Respondents shall file responses, if any, to the objections by 9:00 a.m. three days after the objections are filed. If the deadline for the objections or responses falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the objections or responses shall be filed by 9:00 a.m. on the next business day. Petitioners shall not file a reply or any motion for leave to file a reply. The clerk shall refuse to accept any filings under this paragraph that are untimely or prohibited. No requests or

stipulations for extension of time shall be filed, and the clerk of this court shall refuse to file any requests or stipulations for extension of time.

O'Connor, C.J., and Donnelly and Stewart, JJ., concur.

Brunner, J., concurs, with an opinion.

Kennedy and DeWine, JJ., dissent, with an opinion.

Fischer, J., dissents, with an opinion.