

STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPECIAL REDISTRICTING PANEL

A11-152

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Sara Hippert, Dave Greer, Linda Markowitz,
Dee Dee Larson, Ben Maas, Gregg Peppin,
Randy Penrod and Charles Roulet,
individually and on behalf of all citizens and
voting residents of Minnesota similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

and

Kenneth Martin, Lynn Wilson, Timothy
O'Brien, Irene Peralez, Josie Johnson, Jane
Krentz, Mark Altenburg, and Debra Hasskamp,
individually and on behalf of all citizens of
Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

and

Audrey Britton, David Bly, Cary Coop,
and John McIntosh, individually and on behalf
of all citizens of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

vs.

Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota;
and Robert Hiiivala, Wright County Auditor,
individually and on behalf of all Minnesota
county chief election officers,

Defendants.

ORDER ON SCOPE OF
JANUARY 4, 2012
ORAL ARGUMENT

ORDER

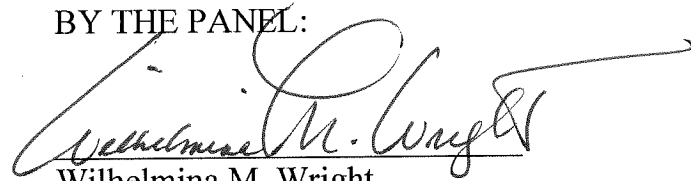
By its orders of October 6, 2011, and November 4, 2011, the Special Redistricting Panel (the panel) scheduled oral argument on the parties' proposed redistricting plans for Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Defendant Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, requests that the panel "clarify whether it will hear argument regarding the issue of the constitutionality of the current districts at the January 4 hearing."

The issue of the constitutionality of the current election districts was addressed by the parties at oral argument on October 26, 2011, and the panel concluded that this issue is not ripe for its decision unless or until the panel is required to act on February 21, 2012. *Hippert v. Ritchie*, No. A11-152 (Minn. Special Redistricting Panel Nov. 4, 2011) (Order Stating Redistricting Principles and Requirements for Plan Submissions) (denying motion of plaintiffs-intervenors Audrey Britton et al. to have the current districts declared unconstitutional). Having previously addressed the issue of the constitutionality of the current districts, the panel does not intend or propose to hear additional argument on that subject at the January 4, 2012 hearing.

The January 4, 2012 oral argument is an opportunity for each party to present its proposed redistricting plans (if any) to the panel and to argue in favor of or against one or more of the parties' proposed plans. Each party also may elaborate or clarify written arguments submitted to the panel regarding the parties' proposed redistricting plans.

Dated: December 23, 2011

BY THE PANEL:



Wilhelmina M. Wright
Presiding Judge