

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT  
CIVIL APPEAL STATEMENT OF PARTIES AND ISSUES**

Case No: 14-3877 Case Manager: Bryant Crutcher

Case Name: Ohio State Conference of the NAACP v. Mike DeWine, et al.

Is this case a cross appeal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has this case or a related one been before this court previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, state:

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

Was that case mediated through the court's program? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Please Identify the Parties Against Whom this Appeal is Being Taken and the Specific Issues You Propose to Raise:**

The appeal is taken against all Plaintiffs: Ohio State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; League of Women Voters of Ohio; Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; Omega Baptist Church; College Hill Community Church Presbyterian, U.S.A.; A. Philip Randolph Institute; Darryl Fairchild.

The issues are:

1. May Ohio being all absentee voting, including mail-in and early in-person absentee voting, 28 days before the 2014 general election, rather than 35 days before, as Ohio previously provided, without violating equal protection and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act?
2. Is the Ohio Secretary of State's administrative directive 2014-17, which sets uniform statewide dates and hours for early in-person voting, consistent with equal protection and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, or is Ohio required to add extra hours as determined by the Court and to allow Ohio counties to set their own non-uniform hours?

This is to certify that a copy of this statement was served on opposing counsel of record this 8th day of

September, 2014.

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