## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

ARKANSAS UNITED and L. MIREYA REITH

**PLAINTIFFS** 

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CASE NO. 5:20-CV-5193

JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity as the Secretary of State of Arkansas; SHARON BROOKS, BILENDA HARRIS-RITTER, WILLIAM LUTHER, CHARLES ROBERTS, **JAMES SHARP, and J. HARMON SMITH,** in their official capacities as members of the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners: RENEE OELSCHLAEGER, BILL ACKERMAN, MAX DEITCHLER, and JENNIFER PRICE, in their official capacities as members of the Washington County Election Commission; RUSSELL ANZALONE, ROBBYN TUMEY, and HARLAN STEE, in their official capacities as members of the Benton County Election Commission; DAVID DAMRON, LUIS ANDRADE, and LEE WEBB, in their official capacities as members of the Sebastian County Election Commission; and MEGHAN HASSLER, in her official capacity as Election Coordinator for the **Sebastian County Election Commission** 

**DEFENDANTS** 

## JUDGMENT

For the reasons set forth in the Court's Memorandum Opinion and Order filed today, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The six-voter limit at § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B) of the Arkansas Code is **DECLARED** to be preempted by § 208 of the VRA. Sections 7-1-103(a)(19)(C) and 7-1-103(b)(1) of the Arkansas Code are also **DECLARED** to be preempted by § 208 to the extent they are used to enforce criminal penalties for violations of § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B).

- 2. The Court hereby **PERMANENTLY ENJOINS** all Defendants, their employees, agents, and successors in office, and all persons acting in concert with them, from enforcing § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B), or otherwise engaging in any practice that limits the right secured by § 208 of the Voting Rights Act based on the number of voters any individual has assisted, and from enforcing §§ 7-1-103(a)(19)(C) and 7-1-103(b)(1) to the extent they are used to enforce criminal penalties for violations of § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B).
- 3. The State and County Defendants are **ORDERED** to inform their staff to cease enforcement of § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B) in advance of the 2022 General Election. The State and County Defendants are **FURTHER ORDERED** to use an updated Assisted Voter Card in all future elections that removes any reference to the sixvoter limit at § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B). In all future elections after the 2022 General Election, Defendants are **ORDERED** to update all trainings, manuals, websites, and any materials given to voters or voter assistors to remove any reference to the six-voter limit at § 7-5-310(b)(4)(B).
- 4. Plaintiffs have 14 days from today to file a motion for attorneys' fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 19th day of August, 2021

MOTHY L BROOKS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE