

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

NO. SC 18907

IN RE PETITION OF REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, EX. REL.

December 27, 2011

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that a special master will be appointed to assist the Court in resolving this matter.

Counsel for the parties shall confer and attempt to agree upon a nomination for the position of special master. If counsel for the parties are unable to agree on an appropriate nominee for special master, each party shall submit a list of one or more persons proposed to serve in the position, together with a brief biography and resume for each person recommended, including his or her particular expertise relevant to redistricting. These lists shall be submitted to the Court by the parties no later than Friday, December 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The parties shall also submit by December 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., briefs addressing the factors to be considered in appointing a special master, the process and procedures to be employed by the special master, the scope of the duties of the special master, the legal and policy parameters governing the redistricting map to be proposed by the special master, and any other matters deemed relevant by the parties.

The parties shall appear before the Court at 1:00 p.m. on December 30, 2011, prepared to address questions from the Court regarding their submissions.

On January 5, 2012, the Court will appoint a special master, and will issue an order regarding the scope of the duties of the special master, the process and procedures to be employed and the legal and policy parameters governing the redistricting map to be proposed by the special master.

From January 6, 2012, through January 18, 2012, proceedings will be held before the special master.

On or before January 27, 2012, the special master shall submit a report and recommendation, including a proposed redistricting map, to the Court.

On or before February 1, 2012, the parties shall submit simultaneous briefs to the Court raising any objections to the report and recommendation of the special master.

By February 3, 2012, reply briefs shall be submitted.

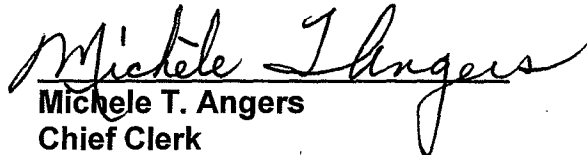
On February 6, 2012, oral argument shall be held.

By February 15, 2012, the Court will file its plan with the Secretary of State.

The fees of the special master and any other individuals employed in connection with these proceedings shall be borne by the parties as hereinafter ordered by the Court. (See Practice Book §§ 84a-4 (c); 84a-6)

We are mindful that the drawing of voting districts is a political question and is quintessentially a legislative function, but we are constrained by the mandate of Article Third, § 6, of the Connecticut constitution and the deadline set therein to commence work on the petition immediately. While the foregoing proceedings are ongoing, however, the Commission shall continue working to agree on a redistricting plan, and we maintain hope that legislative action will be forthcoming. If at any time during these proceedings a redistricting plan validly is enacted, the Court will then take such further action that it deems appropriate.

BY THE COURT,


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Chief Clerk

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