

Court to look at GOP appeal over Virginia congressional map

By Mark Sherman

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court on Nov. 13 agreed to hear an appeal by Virginia Republicans who want the court to reinstate a congressional map drawn by state lawmakers.

The justices said Nov. 13 they will review a lower court ruling that threw out the map, concluding that lawmakers illegally packed black voters into one district to make adjacent districts safer for Republican incumbents.

The state Legislature failed to draw a new map last summer and the lower court has now appointed an expert to come up with a new districting plan.

The justices directed both sides to examine whether Republican members of Congress who neither live in nor represent the affected district even have a right to press the case in federal court.

The dispute concerns Virginia's 3rd congressional district, which is the only one in the state with a majority of African-American residents. Represented by Democrat Bobby Scott, the district runs from north of Richmond to the coastal cities of Norfolk and Newport News and its shape has been described as a "grasping claw."

A three-judge court has twice struck down the district because it found that race played too big a role in drawing the district.

Scott's seat is one of 11 congressional districts in Virginia. Republicans who controlled the state Legislature when the new map was drawn in 2012 created districts that elected eight Republicans and three Democrats. At the same time, Democrats carried Virginia in the past two presidential elections and hold both Senate seats and the governor's office.

Republican House members want to preserve the map as it was adopted because they fear that a redrawn map could water down minority strength in Scott's district and increase the number of Democratic-leaning black voters in neighboring Republican districts.

But the justices indicated they are not certain whether that fear is enough to give the Republicans the right to bring their case.

That issue, and the fate of the map, will be before the court when arguments are heard in February or March.

The case is Wittman v. Personhuballah, 14-1504.


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Federal judge hearing dispute over Ohio's voting rule

By Ann Sanner

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Attorneys representing Ohio Democrats in a legal dispute over changes to the swing state's voting laws said Nov. 16 that a federal judge should strike down the adjustments because their burden on voters outweighs any benefit to the state.

But lawyers for the state claim the voting changes were minor and argue that Ohio offers many opportunities for its residents to vote.

At issue in the case are a series of Republican-backed changes that Democrats allege disproportionately burden minority voters and those who lean Democratic. Among the policy changes was elimination of a week of early voting in which Ohioans also could register to vote, known as "golden week."

U.S. District Judge Michael

KKK flier

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race, the penalty could be enhanced to more than four years in prison if he is convicted, they said.

Schenk, 21, was expected to be in court Nov. 13. It was unknown if he had a lawyer, and no phone number for him could be located in Burlington or in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he used to live.

KKK fliers were discovered late last month in Burlington, whose population is almost 90 percent white. People protesting racism later held rallies.

The two women told police they received fliers at their homes on the same street in late October, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Police said they also were notified by workers at a local FedEx business center that a KKK flier had been left there in a copy machine. A video obtained from the center depicted a man and was released to local media outlets last weekend, and police said a Plattsburg, New York, woman came forward and said she was sure the man was Schenk because she used to date him and he is a member of the KKK, a secretive society organized in the South after the Civil War to assert white supremacy, often using violence.

The affidavit states Schenk told police the KKK has no members in Vermont or New Hampshire so he traveled to Vermont to try to recruit some.

"It was just kind of like a recruitment, you know," the affidavit quotes Schenk as saying. "It's nothing to deal with hate."

Police said that although Schenk told them he distributed 40 to 50 fliers they could find no other recipients during a canvass of the neighborhood.

The writing on the fliers included "The clock is ticking, wake up White America" and "Blacks are statistically 50 times more likely to attack whites than vice versa," according to depictions in the arrest warrant affidavit.

Watson heard opening statements in the trial that began Nov. 16 and is expected to stretch into next week. The case is being tried before Watson instead of a jury.

The case also challenges rules related to absentee and provisional ballots, and limitations to in-person, early voting locations. Democrats want Watson to block the policies from being enforced.

The state's Republican elections chief Jon Husted, a defendant in the case, contends Ohio's system of voting is fair and says the lawsuit is politically motivated.

Attorneys for Husted and the state say the case is about "incredibly minor adjustments" to voting laws.

"Plaintiffs' theories rest on the notion that once a State chooses to expand voting options, it cannot make later adjustments or reductions, no matter how minor," the state's attorneys say in a recent court filing. "Accepting this one-way-street approach would make any State wary of expanding voting options."

Democrats argue the series of changes amount to placing

barriers in front of the voters, particularly minority voters. Their attorneys say justification for the adjustments are weak.

"The General Assembly that the challenged provisions would disproportionately disenfranchise voters who to vote for Democrats, and of the challenged provisions directly aimed at practices signed to help voters in urban and thus Democratic - cities," the attorneys say in documents.

NCCU

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NCCU is currently enhancing its culture of philanthropy, university's strength and status as a global, premier institution partly attributed to engagement of alumni through giving. As NCCU's campaign continues to grow, students will benefit from the support of donors. To give to the "Every Eagle, Every Year" Campaign visit www.nccu.edu/donations

For-profit schools to forgive \$102 million in student loans, reform recruiting

AG Cooper reaches settlement with EDMC, including Art Institute of Raleigh and Charlotte

RALEIGH: More than 80,000 students who attended for-profit schools in North Carolina and other states will have \$102 million in private student loans forgiven under a landmark settlement to change the way the schools recruit and enroll students, Attorney General Cooper announced.

"Students who enrolled in school but got little more than debt show for it deserve to have these loans forgiven," Cooper said. "The settlement sets a new standard for for-profit colleges to give students clear, accurate disclosures about what they'll pay, what they'll get, and how much they could earn."

About EDMC

Education Management Corporation (EDMC), based in Plattsburgh, Pennsylvania, operates 110 schools in 32 states and countries through four education systems: Argosy University, The Art Institutes, Brown Mackie College and South University. EDMC operates campuses of The Art Institute in Raleigh and Charlotte.

Loan Forgiveness

The settlement with EDMC will mean \$102,789,100 in relief for 80,795 students nationwide, including approximately \$4.1 million in student debt relief for 2,881 North Carolinians. Eligible consumers are expected to get an average of \$1,370 in loan forgiveness per person under the settlement.

The loan forgiveness benefits students who enrolled at EDMC with only limited previous college experience and quickly dropped out without gaining anything from the school other than debt. Under the settlement, students who enrolled in an EDMC program with fewer than 24 transfer credits and dropped out within 45 days between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2014 will have private loans issued by the school forgiven. Consumers who meet these criteria will automatically have their loans forgiven.

Protections for Future Students

In general, students at for-profit schools like those run by EDMC take on more debt, are less likely to graduate, and are more likely to default on their loans than students at other schools, according to data from the U.S. Department of Education.

The settlement includes significant reforms to the way EDMC recruits and enrolls students and is expected to set a precedent for other for-profit colleges. Under the agreement, EDMC must give students accurate information about the total cost, average debt, default rate, job placement rate, average earnings, and ability to transfer credits associated with its programs.

"Higher education is one of the best ways to invest in your future and your future, and students deserve straight information about the costs involved," Cooper said.

Among the reforms required by the settlement, EDMC must:

- * Develop an interactive electronic disclosure tool to give students accurate information on likely debt and earnings if they enroll in an EDMC program.
- * Accurately calculate job placement rates used to market programs to students.
- * Require orientation for new students who don't have prior college experience.
- * Provide a risk-free trial period during which students who transfer with fewer than 24 credits can withdraw from an EDMC program for a full refund (7-day trial for on-campus programs, 21-day trial for online programs).
- * Stop offering unaccredited programs that won't lead to licensure.
- * Take responsibility for third-party lead generators that market their programs.

Thomas Perrelli, former U.S. Associate Attorney General, will independently monitor EDMC's settlement compliance for three years and issue annual reports.

Multistate Investigation


North Carolina and several other states began investigating EDMC in 2014 based on complaints from students that the company's courses were more costly than they had been led to believe, not transfer as they had been told they would, and did not lead to the high-earning jobs promised by recruiters. Today's settlement in North Carolina, 38 other states and the District of Columbia resulted from that investigation.

Separate Resolution of Federal False Claims Lawsuit

Today, EDMC also agreed to pay \$95 million to settle a separate federal whistleblower lawsuit under the False Claims Act. In case, brought by the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Department of Education, the government alleged that EDMC illegally paid its admissions recruiters based on the number of students recruited.

File a Complaint

Consumers can file complaints about for-profit colleges with Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division online at nc.gov or by calling 1-877-5-NO-SCAM toll-free within North Carolina. Former EDMC students do not need to file a complaint with the office to get relief under the settlements.



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- English
- Math
- Science
- History/Social Studies
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We look forward to this opportunity to partner with our Durham community. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Jeremy Wall, Administrator, at 919-560-3925 or at his email Jeremy.wall@hillsidehornets.net.

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