

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
Case Nos. SC08-986; SC08-1163; SC08-1149; SC08-1165

ADVISORY OPINION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES & (FIS)

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RE: STANDARDS LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING & (FIS)

MOTION TO EXPAND TIME FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
FairDistrictFlorida.org

FairDistrictFlorida.org, as an Interested Party and Proponent of these initiative petitions, pursuant to Rules 9.300 and 9.320, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, respectfully moves this Court for an expansion of time, seeking an additional ten (10) minutes of oral argument for each side on November 6, 2008.

1. In the original order of June 25, 2008, this Court set oral argument for the Congressional Redistricting initiative (Case SC08-1149) and its accompanying Financial Impact Statement (Case SC08-1163). At that time, this Court also set the same oral argument for purposes of the Legislative Districts initiative Financial Impact Statement (Case SC08-11-65). No provision was made at that time for oral argument for the Legislative Districts initiative.

2. On July 31, 2008, this Court granted FairDistrictFlorida.org's motion to consolidate all four of these cases for purposes of oral argument, granting twenty minutes of time for each side, and setting oral argument for November 5, 2008.

3. On August 22, 2008, this Court rescheduled the oral argument for these consolidated cases to November 6, 2008.

4. The Florida Legislature has filed briefs in opposition to both the Congressional Redistricting and the Legislative Districts initiatives, and has asked to participate in oral argument.

5. FairDistrictsFlorida.org filed briefs supporting both initiatives, and also filed briefs challenging the financial impact statements.

6. This Court has allotted a total of only twenty minutes of oral argument for each of the initiatives and their accompanying financial impact statements.

7. Because the time allotted for all four cases may not be sufficient to address both the initiative petitions and their accompanying financial impact statements, FairDistrictsFlorida.org asks this Court to expand oral argument from twenty (20) to thirty (30) minutes per side.

8. The undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for the Florida Legislature regarding this motion to expand the time for oral argument and represents that counsel for the Legislature does not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, FairDistrictsFlorida.org, as an interested party in this case, respectfully requests that oral argument on November 6, 2008 be expanded to thirty (30) minutes for each side.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by U.S. mail this, _____ day of September, 2008 to The Honorable BILL McCOLLUM, Esquire, Office of the Attorney General, PL 01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050; JASON VAIL, Esquire, General Counsel, Florida Senate, R. 402, Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100; and JEREMIAH M. HAWKES, Esquire, General Counsel, Florida House of Representatives, R. 422 The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300.

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