IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

FLORIDA RISING TOGETHER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 4:21-cv-201-AW-MJF

LAUREL M. LEE, in her official capacity as the Secretary of State of Florida, et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER REGARDING CONSOLIDATION

Plaintiffs in this case challenge a recently enacted law. Plaintiffs in three other pending cases challenge the same law. The Florida Secretary of State is a common defendant in all four, and she has asked that the cases all be consolidated under the lowest numbered case, *League of Women Voters et al. v. Lee*, No. 4:21-cv-186. She has done so with the consent of all affected parties.

The Secretary notes "overlapping issues of law and fact" in the four cases, and she contends consolidation is appropriate to "ensure the timely and efficient resolution of the cases through a uniform discovery schedule and a single trial." ECF No. 39 at 2. The judge handling the other three cases has ordered consolidation of those three for discovery, reserving on the issue of a consolidated trial. Plaintiffs now seek a transfer to allow this fourth case to join those. ECF No.

44. That motion, which is unopposed, is GRANTED. The clerk will transfer this case to the Chief Judge.

SO ORDERED on July 2, 2021.

<u>s/ Allen Winsor</u> United States District Judge