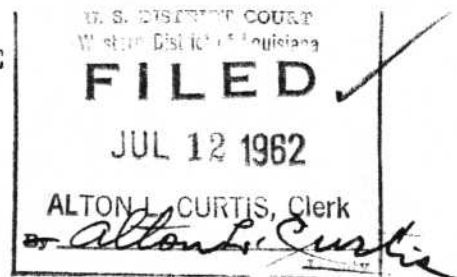


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :  
Plaintiff, :  
vs. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 6 2 5 7  
CECIL MANNING AS REGISTRAR :  
OF VOTERS OF EAST CARROLL : INTERLOCUTORY ORDER  
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND THE :  
STATE OF LOUISIANA :  
Defendants. :

An ex parte hearing having been held this day on 78 applications made pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e) for orders of qualification to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, the Court makes the following findings based upon the record in this case, the applications for orders of qualification, the affidavits of disposition towards the laws of Louisiana, the registration application forms, the writing tests, the citizenship tests and the oral testimony of the applicants:

1. Between May 30, 1962, and June 14, 1962, Eric L. Armstrong, Ed Johnson, Percy Knighten, James Levi, John Henry Scott, and Henry O. Simmons each went to the office of the Registrar of Voters for East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, during the regular office hours and found the office closed.
2. Defendant Cecil E. Manning, the Registrar of Voters for East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, resigned his office on June 14, 1962.
3. There has been no Registrar of Voters for East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, since June 15, 1962.
4. Eric L. Armstrong, Ed Johnson, Percy Knighten, James Levi, John Henry Scott, and Henry O. Simmons have each since May 30, 1962, been deprived and denied of the opportunity to register to vote or otherwise to qualify to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, by virtue of the office of the Registrar of Voters being closed during regular office hours, within the meaning and intent of 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e).

5. Each applicant whose name appears on List A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof:

- (a) is a member of the Negro race,
- (b) has since May 30, 1962, been deprived and denied of the opportunity to register to vote or otherwise to qualify to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, by virtue of the vacancy in the office of the Registrar of Voters; within the meaning and intent of 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e),
- (c) is qualified under Louisiana Law to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

6. Each applicant whose name appears on List B, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof:

- (a) is a member of the Negro race,
- (b) has since May 30, 1962, been deprived and denied of the opportunity to register to vote or otherwise to qualify to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, by virtue of the vacancy in the office of Registrar of Voters; within the meaning and intent of 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e),
- (c) is not presently qualified under Louisiana Law to vote in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

7. No findings are made with respect to the applicants whose names appear on List C, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, because they did not appear at the hearing of which they were duly notified.

Based upon these findings it is the conclusion of this Court that the persons whose names appear on List A have met the requirements of 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e) and are entitled to vote in elections in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, as if they had been registered to vote by local registration officials. This includes, for those who have declared their affiliation with the Democratic Party, the Democratic primary election to be held on July 28, 1962. This Order should be made final prior to that election. Before this Order is made final, all parties will have an opportunity to file exceptions to these findings and conclusions and will have an opportunity to be heard on these exceptions. Once a final order is entered, the only remedy available to any party who feels aggrieved is to appeal.

In accordance with these findings and conclusions:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that each person whose names appear on List A is declared qualified to vote in East Carroll Parish in all elections, including the Democratic primary election scheduled to be held on July 28, 1962, to the same extent as if such person had been registered to vote by local registration officials. The Clerk shall prepare a certificate of qualification for each such person and it is to be available to the court on July 23, 1962.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the persons whose names appear on List B are not presently qualified to vote in East Carroll Parish and their applications to do so are denied.

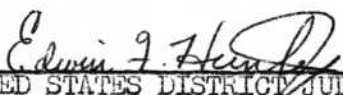
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applications of the persons whose names appear on List C are denied without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney General of the United States shall, no later than July 16, 1962, serve upon the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and upon the District Attorney for the 6th Judicial District of Louisiana copies of this Order, together with copies of each application, all documents written or filled out by the applicants at the hearing and a transcript of all oral testimony taken at the hearing. The Clerk shall make available to the representatives of the Attorney General of the United States all documents and papers on file in this case so that copies for service can be made.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become final on July 23, 1962, unless exceptions are filed and served on or before July 20, 1962, in the manner and form prescribed by 42 U.S.C.A. 1971(e) for filing exceptions to the report of a voting referee. Such exceptions shall be served upon the attorneys of record of the parties to the original action. In the event exceptions are filed, a hearing will be had thereon at the United States Courthouse and Post Office Building in Shreveport, Louisiana, on Monday, July 23, 1962, at 3:30 P.M. o'clock.

provided no exceptions are filed by July 20, 1962 the United States Marshal shall serve on or before July 25, 1962, a copy of this Order upon each election official in East Carroll Parish.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1962 at Monroe, Louisiana.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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