

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL REDISTRICTING PANEL  
CO-01-160

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Susan M. Zachman, et al., individually  
and on Behalf of all citizens and voting  
residents of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

and

Patricia Cotlow, et al., individually and  
on behalf of all citizens and voting residents  
of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

and

Jesse Ventura,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

and

Roger D. Moe, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

vs.

Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of  
Minnesota, and Doug Gruber, Wright  
County Auditor, individually and on behalf  
of all Minnesota county chief election  
officers,

Defendants.

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**STATEMENT OF  
UNRESOLVED ISSUES**

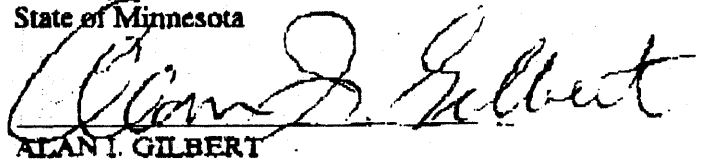
In the Panel's Order of October 9, 2001, the parties were directed to file a Statement of Unresolved Issues concerning any item upon which a stipulation could not be reached. The parties have been unable to reach agreement concerning the last date in the Panel's proposed timetable. The Panel set forth March 19, 2002 as the date for the issuance of the final order and redistricting plan. It is the State's position that March 19, 2002 is the appropriate date.

The Chief Justice, in her Order of March 2, 2001, at page 5, stated that " . . . it is important that the primacy of the legislative role in the redistricting process be honored . . ." Similarly, in her Order establishing this Panel, the Chief Justice directed the Panel to release a redistricting plan "only in the event a legislative redistricting plan is not enacted in a timely manner." Order of July 12, 2000, at page 2. In the latter Order the Chief Justice cited specifically Minn. Stat. § 204B.14 (2000), which provides for various dates governing the redistricting process. In particular, Minn. Stat. § 204B.14, subd. 1a (2000) provides that the legislature will complete the redistricting process by no later than 25 weeks before the 2002 state primary election. That date is March 19, 2002. Accordingly, the date selected by the Court for its decision appropriately gives the legislature the maximum opportunity to perform its constitutional duties. This result is consistent with applicable law and the Orders of the Chief Justice, which established the judicial proceeding in this matter.

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