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RICKY KNIGHT, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

LESLIE THOMPSON, in his
individual capacity, et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the
Middle District of Alabama

Before CARNES and MARCUS, Circuit Judges, and PROPST*, District Judge.

ORDER:

Since the district court issued its judgment in this case, Congress enacted the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc, et seq. The plaintiffs have filed a motion to remand the case for further consideration in

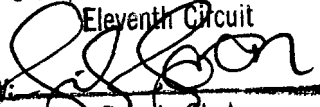
*Honorable Robert B. Propst, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, sitting by designation.

light of that new statute, and a motions panel ordered that motion carried with the case for decision by this panel.

Without implying any view on any issues relating to that statute's application to this case, or on any other issues in the case, we have decided that the most efficient and prudent course is to permit the district court to determine in the first instance and in this same proceeding whether the new federal statute entitles plaintiffs to the relief that they seek. To the extent that such consideration requires an amendment to the complaint, one should be allowed.

This is not a limited remand, and we do not mean to restrict the district court's scope of authority to consider or reconsider any issues it deems appropriate.

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