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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

VICTOR B. ATKINS, AUBREY C. ALLEN and JOSEPH BIBB, Registrars of Voters of Dallas County, Alabama; and STATE OF ALABAMA,

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2584

3/5/65

On February 4, 1965, this Court issued an order for the purpose of requiring a fair, orderly and nondiscriminatory method of processing and registering applicants for registration by the Dallas County Board of Registrars. This order provided that all Negro applicants who were rejected had the right to apply to this Court for registration in accordance with the provisions of 42 U. S. C. 1971(e). This order also provided that all Negro applicants who desired to register and who had signed the appearance book prior to July 1, 1965 should be processed by the Board by July 10, 1965. All unprocessed applicants were given the right, absent a showing of good cause by the Board, to apply thereafter to the Court for registration pursuant to 42 U. S. C. 1971(e). Subsequently, the Court entered an additional order requiring the Board to make the appearance sheet available on a five-day a week basis pending further order of the Court.

Now, therefore, in order that the referee provisions of the 1960 Civil Rights Act may be implemented, the Dallas County Board of Registrars is ORDERED and DIRECTED, in mailing to all rejected applicants their notice of rejection, to use the following form of notice of rejection in place of the notice of rejection form that the Board of Registrars of Dallas County is presently using:

BOARD OF REGISTRARS
DALLAS COUNTY
SELMA, ALABAMA

This is to notify you _____
your application for registration has been rejected for the reasons
below:

Police record _____

Bad moral character _____

You failed to answer the following pertinent questions _____

You failed to answer correctly the following pertinent
questions _____

You may reapply to the Board after 60 days from the date of your last
application. However, you have the right, if you so desire, to ap-
ply to the United States District Court for the Southern District of
Alabama under the provisions of Section 42 U.S.C. 1971(e). If you
elect to apply to the Federal Court, you may, if you wish, use this
form to do so. Simply fill in the answers to the questions below,
sign your name, and mail this form to the Clerk of the United States
District Court, 213 Federal Building, Mobile, Alabama.

1. Your name: _____
2. Your address: _____
3. Your Race: _____
4. Have you tried to register to vote in your County?

Yes.

No.

5. When did you try to register to vote in your County?
Date: _____
6. Did you fill out a registration form?

Yes.

No.

7. Did you get registered?

Yes.

No.

8. If you did not fill out a registration form, give the
reasons: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1965.

Board Member, Chairman

Board Member

Board Member

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It is further ORDERED that in the notice of rejection the Board list the number or numbers of the questions which the applicant failed to answer or failed to answer correctly.

It is further ORDERED that all accepted applicants be notified of the action of the Board.

DATED the 5th day of March, 1965.

Daniel H. Thomas
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOU. DIST. ALA.
FILED AND ENTERED THIS THE
5th DAY OF March 1965
MINUTE ENTRY NO. 17988
WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR, CLERK
BY - John V. O'Brien
DEPUTY CLERK