

VICKI HALE, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NO. 3:26-cv-00603
	)	
BILL LEE, Tennessee Governor, et al.,	)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
Defendants.	)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRENSELY
	)	
AMBER SHERMAN, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NO. 3:26-cv-00616
	)	
TRE HARGETT, in his official capacity as	)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
Secretary of State of Tennessee, et al.,	)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRENSELY
Defendants.	)	
	)	
TENNESSEE STATE CONFERENCE OF	)	
THE NAACP, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	NO. 3:26-cv-00638
	)	
v.	)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
	)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRENSELY
TRE HARGETT, in his official capacity as	)	
Secretary of State of Tennessee, et al.,	)	
Defendants	)	

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undersigned judge was assigned the first-filed case. The later-filed cases have been reassigned accordingly.

Defendants in the first-filed case, *Hale v. Lee*, Case No. 3:26-cv-00603, filed a motion to consolidate that case with the next filed case *Sherman v. Hargett*, Case No. 3:26-cv-00616. (See Doc. No. 39 in Case No. 3:26-cv-00603). The third case, *NAACP Tennessee v. Hargett*, Case No. 3:26-cv-00638, was filed the following day and was not included in the motion.

The Court finds these cases warrant consolidation under Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). Accordingly, Defendants' motion to consolidate (Doc. No. 39 in Case No. 3:26-cv-00603) **GRANTED IN PART**. Pending further consideration and possible further consolidation, the cases will be consolidated for purposes of case management and so that they may be heard and decided before the same district judge and three-judge panel. This will allow coordination of scheduling and motions practice and will avoid the possibility of inconsistent outcomes. The individual case files shall remain open, and the parties shall make filings in the relevant case pending further order of the Court.

It is so **ORDERED**.



WILLIAM L. CAMPBELL JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE