



CAPTION

Richard Lattanzi, Mayor of the City of Clairton and Richard Ford, Councilman in the City of Clairton, Petitioners

v.

2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission, Respondent

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Petition for Review

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number: J-106-2012 September 10, 2012

Case Category: Administrative Agency Case Type(s): Redistricting

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07/09/2012	Petition for Review	73.50	07/09/2012	2012-SUP-W-001505	73.50

AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Court Below: Legislative Reapportionment Commission
 County: Division: Legislative Reapportionment Commission
 Date of Agency/Trial Court Order:
 Docket Number: Allegheny County
 Judge(s): OTN:
 Order Type:

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description
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Record Remittal:

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Petitioner		Respondent	
Richard Lattanzi and Richard Ford		2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission	
Brief		Brief	
Due: August 6, 2012	Filed: August 7, 2012	Due: August 20, 2012	Filed: August 20, 2012
Reproduced Record		Respondent Amicus Curiae	
Due: August 6, 2012		Filed:	
		Michael Turzai, as a Member of the 2011 PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission	
		Brief	



BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Respondent Amicus Curiae

**Michael Turzai, as a Member of the 2011 PA
Legislative Reapportionment Commission
Brief**

Due: August 20, 2012

Filed: August 20, 2012

**Senator Dominic Pileggi
Brief**

Due: August 20, 2012

Filed: August 20, 2012

SESSION INFORMATION

Journal Number: J-106-2012
Listed/Submitted Date: September 10, 2012
Consideration Type: Submit on Briefs Supreme

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No:		Judgment Date:	May 8, 2013
Category:	Decided	Disposition Author:	Castille, Ronald D.
Disposition:	Appeal Dismissed	Disposition Date:	May 8, 2013
Dispositional Filing:	Majority Opinion	Author:	
Filed Date:	May 8, 2013		
Justice:	Eakin, J. Michael	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Baer, Max	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Todd, Debra	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	McCaffery, Seamus P.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Orie Melvin, Joan	Vote:	Did Not Participate in Consid/Decision of Case
Dispositional Filing:	Concurring Opinion	Author:	Saylor, Thomas G.
Filed Date:	May 8, 2013		

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
July 9, 2012	Petition for Review	Petitioner	Richard Lattanzi and Richard Ford



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
July 10, 2012	Order Regarding Answer/No Answer Letter, Petitioner's Briefs, Consolidation and Argument		Bizzoso, Irene M.
Comments:			
AND NOW, this 10th day of July, 2012, the above referenced matters are hereby consolidated for purposes of pleading, briefing and argument.			
A consolidated answer or no answer letter to the petitions for review is due by 1 P.M. Monday, July 23, 2012. Any prior directives regarding time frame for filing an answer is/are hereby rescinded.			
Petitioners' briefs are to be received by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Prothonotary's Office by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2012. If hand delivered, briefs may be filed at the nearest Supreme Court Prothonotary's Office. Service of said briefs shall be made via personal service or e-mail as agreed to by the parties.			
Respondent's consolidate brief is due on or before 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 20, 2012, under the same filing and service constraints as aforementioned. Due to the nature of these appeals and the constricted time frame, no applications for extensions of time will be entertained.			
Oral argument will be scheduled during the September argument session in Philadelphia, by separate order.			
July 10, 2012	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
July 19, 2012	Agency Record Received		Legislative Reapportionment Commission
July 23, 2012	Answer to Petition for Review	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
July 23, 2012	Praecepte for Appearance 2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission	Respondent	Stickman, William Shaw, IV
August 6, 2012	Order Regarding Oral Argument		Bizzoso, Irene M.
Comments:			
AND NOW, this 6th day of August, 2012, this matter is hereby listed as case #8 for argument session commencing at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012, in Philadelphia, PA. Petitioners and Respondent will be allotted up to five (5) minutes per side to present their argument.			
August 6, 2012	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
August 6, 2012	Motion for Leave to File a Brief in Excess of the Page Limit Set Forth by Pa.R.A.P. 2135	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
August 6, 2012	Order Granting Motion for Leave to File Brief in Excess of Page Limitation		Vaskov, John A.
Comments:			
AND NOW, this 6th day of August, 2012, the Motion for Leave to File Brief in Excess of Page Limitation is granted, the Respondent's Brief not to exceed 110 pages.			
August 6, 2012	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
August 7, 2012	Notice of Joinder in Brief at 39 WM 2012	Petitioner	Richard Lattanzi and Richard Ford
August 9, 2012	Acknowledgement of Argument Notice	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
Comments: Joseph A., Del Sole, Esq.			
August 9, 2012	Acknowledgement of Argument Notice	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
Comments: William S. Stickman, Esq			
August 20, 2012	Respondent's Brief	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
August 20, 2012	Respondent Amicus Curiae's Brief	Respondent Amicus Curiae	Michael Turzai, as a Member of the 2011 PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission
August 20, 2012	Petition of Amicus Curiae Turzai for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument	Respondent Amicus Curiae	Michael Turzai, as a Member of the 2011 PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission
August 20, 2012	Respondent Amicus Curiae's Brief	Respondent Amicus Curiae	Senator Dominic Pileggi
August 22, 2012	No Answer Letter to Petition of Amicus Curiae Turzai for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
August 23, 2012	Acknowledgement of Argument Notice	Respondent	2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission
Comments: Charles E. O'Connor, Esq.			
August 27, 2012	Notice of Non-Participation	Participant	Attorney General's Office



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
August 28, 2012	Order Denying Petition of Amicus Curiae Turzai for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument		Per Curiam
Comments: AND NOW, this 28th day of August, 2012, the Petition of Amicus Curiae Michael Turzai as a Member of the 2011 Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument is DENIED. See Pa.R.A.P. 531(b).			
August 28, 2012	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
September 10, 2012	Submitted on Brief		Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
September 11, 2012	Praecipe for Appearance 2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission	Respondent	Cavanaugh, Patrick Kennedy
May 8, 2013	Appeal Dismissed		Castille, Ronald D.

Comments:

The matter has been ably briefed, both by concerned citizens and the LRC. For the reasons we have articulated above, we reaffirm Holt I as against the various challenges made to the decision; and we further determine that, as against the specific challenges presented in these various appeals, the LRC, in crafting the 2012 Final Plan, sufficiently heeded this Court's admonition that it "could have easily achieved a substantially greater fidelity to all of the mandates in Article II, Section 16" than it did in its unconstitutional 2011 Final Plan. See Holt I, 38 A.3d at 718. Moreover, we hold that the appellants have not demonstrated that the 2012 Final Plan is contrary to law. We therefore conclude that the LRC has utilized the population data of the 2010 census to create a redistricting map that complies with the Pennsylvania Constitution, which shall hereby have the force of law, beginning with the 2014 election cycle. The appeals are dismissed.

Jurisdiction relinquished.

Former Justice Orié Melvin did not participate in the consideration or decision of these appeals.

Messrs. Justice Eakin and Baer, Madame Justice Todd and Mr. Justice McCaffery join the opinion.

Mr. Justice Saylor files a concurring opinion.

May 8, 2013	Judgment Entered		Office of the Prothonotary
May 30, 2013	Reconsideration Time Expired/Case Closed		Office of the Prothonotary

Comments:

Notification sent to the Legislative Reapportionment Commission
6-4-13 - Received receipt acknowledgment from the Reapportionment Commission.