

School Bond Opposition Dilution

Duke v. Lawson

(Charles Everingham IV, E.D. Tex. 2:11-cv-246)

Five voters opposing a school bond filed a federal action during early voting on the bond, claiming that the school district's opening up school facilities for early voting diluted the votes of bond opponents.¹ The school bond election was set to coincide with a May 14, 2011, municipal election for an overlapping municipality.² Early voting was set for May 2 through 10.³ The complaint, which sought a temporary restraining order, was filed on May 5.⁴

The case was referred to Magistrate Judge Charles Everingham IV, pursuant to a standing order.⁵ On May 9, Judge Everingham heard and denied the plaintiffs' motion.⁶ The plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the action on May 16.⁷

1. [Complaint](#), *Duke v. Lawson*, No. 2:11-cv-246 (E.D. Tex. May 5, 2011), D.E. 1.

2. *See id.* at 4.

3. *See id.* at 3.

4. [Docket Sheet](#), *Duke*, No. 2:11-cv-246 (E.D. Tex. May 5, 2011) (D.E. 1, 6).

5. [Order](#), *id.* (May 6, 2011), D.E. 2.

6. [Minutes](#), *id.* (May 9, 2011), D.E. 7.

7. [Order](#), *id.* (May 18, 2011), D.E. 9; [Notice](#), *id.* (May 16, 2011), D.E. 8.