

Objections to Primary Procedures

Jones v. Alabama

(*Richard W. Vollmer, Jr., S.D. Ala. 1:00-cv-442*)

On May 11, 2000, “the sole Republican candidate for a place on the Mobile County Commission in the June 2000 primary” filed a pro se federal complaint in the Southern District of Alabama raising constitutional challenges to various election procedures.¹ The court assigned the case to Judge Richard W. Vollmer, Jr.² On June 1, the plaintiff sought a temporary restraining order against holding the June 6 primary.³

Judge Vollmer denied the plaintiff a temporary restraining order on June 13.⁴ Service of the motion on the defendants was not confirmed until the defendants filed their response at 10:32 p.m. on Friday, June 2.⁵ The response was docketed on Monday, but Judge Vollmer was out sick on Monday and Tuesday, so he could not consider the motion until the election was over.⁶

On March 6, 2001, Judge Vollmer granted the defendants’ motion to dismiss the action.⁷ On December 20, the court of appeals affirmed.⁸

1. [Opinion](#), *Jones v. Alabama*, No. 1:00-cv-442 (S.D. Ala. Mar. 6, 2001), D.E. 83, *available at* 2001 WL 303533; [Docket Sheet](#), *id.* (May 11, 2000).

2. [Docket Sheet](#), *supra* note 1.

Judge Vollmer died on March 20, 2003. Federal Judicial Center Biographical Directory of Federal Judges, <http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/judges.html>.

3. [Docket Sheet](#), *supra* note 1.

4. [Order](#), *Jones*, No. 1:00-cv-442 (S.D. Ala. June 13, 2000), D.E. 27.

5. *Id.* at 3.

6. *Id.*

7. [Opinion](#), *supra* note 1.

8. [Opinion](#), *Jones v. Siegleman*, No. 01-11583 (11th Cir. Dec. 20, 2001), *filed as Judgment*, *Jones*, No. 1:00-cv-442 (S.D. Ala. Jan. 23, 2002), D.E. 90.