

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

STACIE RAY, et al.)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	CASE NO.: 2:18-cv-00272-MHW-CMV
)	
vs.)	JUDGE MICHAEL WATSON
)	
LANCE HIMES, et al.)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHELSEY
)	VASCURA
Defendants.)	

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
MOVE OR OTHERWISE PLEAD**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1), Defendants Lance Himes, in his official capacity as Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Karen Sorrell, in her official capacity as Chief of the Office of Vital Statistics, and Judith Nagy, in her official capacity as State Registrar of the Office of Vital Statistics (collectively "Defendants"), respectfully request an additional seventeen (17) days, up to and including July 6, 2018, in which to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint. Prior to undersigned counsel's involvement, Defendants filed a stipulated extension of time to move or plead, which extended the answer deadline 21 days to June 19, 2018. (Doc. 12.)

Good cause exists to grant this Motion. First, undersigned counsel was only recently retained as special counsel in this matter and additional time is needed for counsel to review the allegations in the Complaint, investigate the claims, and evaluate Defendants' potential defenses. Second, this matter presents novel and significant constitutional challenges to Ohio law, which by their nature require additional analysis.

This Motion is not intended for the purpose of undue delay. Extending the deadline for Defendants to move or plead in response to Plaintiffs' Complaint will not prejudice any party.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.3(a), and after conferring with Plaintiffs in good faith, Defendants represent that this Motion is unopposed.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: June 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 15, 2018, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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One of the Attorneys for Defendants

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)	PROPOSED ORDER

Defendants have moved for an extension of time until July 6, 2018, to move or plead in response to Plaintiff’s complaint in the above-captioned matter. This motion is unopposed. Based on the papers submitted and for good cause shown, Defendants’ motion is granted. Defendants shall have until **July 6, 2018**, to move or otherwise plead in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date

MICHAEL A. WATSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE