

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

In Re: Magistrate Judge Gray Borden)
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ORDER 19-0004


In the Matter of the Designation of Magistrate Judge Gray Borden for Service in Another District

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence of the chief judges of the districts involved, a United States magistrate judge may be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsections (a), (b), or (c) of § 636 in a judicial district other than the judicial district for which he or she has been appointed. No magistrate judge shall perform any of those duties in a district to which he or she has been temporarily assigned until an order has been issued by the chief judge of that district specifying the emergency by reason of which the magistrate judge is being transferred, the duration of his or her assignment, and the duties that he or she is authorized to perform.

Because of the retirement of Magistrate Judge T. Michael Putnam of this district, a magistrate judge from the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama is needed to serve as a magistrate judge during the pendency of his formal background check for the position of magistrate judge, in the Northern District of Alabama. For this reason, the court certifies the need for assistance from Magistrate Judge Gray Borden, a magistrate judge from the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, for the pendency of his background check.

THEREFORE, the court **ORDERS**, with the concurrence of the Honorable Chief Judge Emily Marks of the United States District Court for the Middle District, that United States Magistrate Judge Gray M. Borden from the Middle District of Alabama is hereby designated to hold court and perform any and all judicial duties designated under 28 U.S.C. §636, subsections (a), (b), and (c), effective June 17, 2019, on an as needed basis, in the Northern District of Alabama pending the completion of his background check and administrative oath. Magistrate Judge Borden's designation includes all cases previously assigned to Magistrate Judge Putnam, including issues on remand, from an appeal.

DONE and ORDERED this 13th day of June, 2019.



KARON OWEN BOWDRE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE