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## Potential Timelines for Immigration Law Challenge Discussed

### How long will the battle over the new Alabama immigration law last?

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A new legal challenge will keep Alabama's recently signed immigration law in the public eye. advertisement

But for how long?

Attorney Buck Watson says, "My personal opinion is it will be wound up probably faster than people would think."

Watson seeks to have the law overturned. He's optimistic, but court time isn't measured in minutes and hours. Watson sets a broader deadline.

He thinks the case should be taken care of "hopefully within a year . . . which is probably wishful thinking."

Watson believes similar cases in other states could speed up the process.

He says, "There are so many of these throughout the country that have been stricken down. Georgia, Utah, Arizona."

District 2 Senator Bill Holtzclaw (R) says the law was designed for this.

Holtzclaw argues, "We recognize that parts of laws from other states were being challenged in federal courts, so we made amendments to this law so that it could withstand the constitutional challenges and be upheld based on the current cases that were being entertained."

Watson assures he will fight the whole thing, "We don't believe that this statute can be severed to where it has constitutional provisions as well as unconstitutional provisions. They're too intertwined, and we believe that the whole statute is invalid as a result of that."

Hope remains for a speedy resolution, but time seems to move slower in the courts.

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