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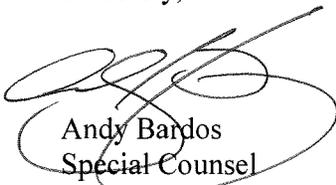
Re: Submission Under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act: Request for Preclearance of Florida Congressional Districts in Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, and Monroe Counties

Dear Mr. Herren:

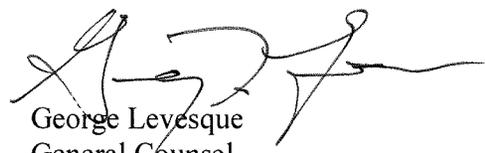
Pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c, the Florida Legislature submits for preclearance the newly enacted United States House of Representatives districts in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1174 ("SB 1174"), to the extent they affect the five Florida counties—Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, and Monroe Counties—covered under Section 5. SB 1174, which was adopted by the Legislature on February 9, 2012, and signed by the Governor on February 16, 2012, establishes new congressional districts for the State of Florida. Upon approval by the Governor, SB 1174 was designated Chapter 2012-2, Laws of Florida.

The attached submission is organized to correspond to 28 C.F.R. §§ 51.27 and 51.28. Because the candidate qualifying period for congressional districts is June 4 to June 8, 2012, *see* §§ 99.061(9), 100.031, 100.061, Fla. Stat. (2011), prompt consideration is requested. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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