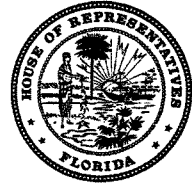


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United States Department of Justice  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

**Re: Submission Under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act: Request for Preclearance of Florida House 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 State House districts in Senate Joint Resolution 1176, to the extent they affect the five Florida counties—Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, and Monroe Counties—covered under Section 5. Senate Joint Resolution 1176, which was adopted by the Legislature on February 9, 2012, establishes new state legislative districts for the State of Florida. Under the Florida Constitution, a joint resolution that apportions state legislative districts is not presented to the Governor.

The attached submission is organized to correspond to 28 C.F.R. §§ 51.27 and 51.28. Because the candidate qualifying period for Senate districts is June 4 to June 8, 2012, see §§ 99.061(1), 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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