



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 5, 2012

The Honorable Luther Strange
Attorney General
State of Alabama
P.O. Box 300152
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0152

Dear Attorney General Strange:

This refers to Act No. 2012-602 (H.B. 19), which provides the 2012 redistricting plan for the Alabama House of Representatives; and Act No. 2012-603 (S.B. 25), which provides the 2012 redistricting plan for the Alabama Senate, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on August 6, 2012; additional information was received through September 25, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Because the Section 5 status of the 2012 redistricting plans for the Alabama House and Senate are before the court in *State of Alabama v. Holder*, No. 1:12-cv-01232 (D.D.C.), we are providing a copy of this letter to the court and counsel of record in that case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Perez".

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General

