

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Civil Rights Division

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Mr. John J. Park, Jr., Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Park:

The refers to Act No. 2011-518 (S.B. 484) (2011), which provides the 2011 redistricting plan for Alabama's congressional districts; and Act No. 2011-677 (H.B. 621) (2011), which provides the 2011 redistricting plan for the Alabama State Board of Education, 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 September 21, 2011; additional information was received through October 25, 2011.

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.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas E. Perez  
Assistant Attorney General