

1 finding that the formula was outdated and therefore an impermissible standard by which to
2 subject any jurisdiction to the preclearance requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights
3 Act; and

4 WHEREAS, since *Shelby County v. Holder*, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act has
5 been enforceable only in jurisdictions covered by a separate court order entered under
6 Section 3(c) of the Voting Rights Act; and

7 WHEREAS, until Congress revises the coverage formula contained within Section
8 4 of the Voting Rights Act to be responsive to current conditions, Section 5 of the Voting
9 Rights Act, an important deterrent to discriminatory election procedures, remains largely
10 unenforceable.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 memorialize the United States Congress to amend and reenact Section 4 of the Voting Rights
13 Act, so that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act can be fully enforced to secure and protect
14 the right to vote for millions of Americans.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
17 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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