Amend **CSHB 3** in Article III by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the other SECTIONS of Article III accordingly:

SECTION ____. (a) The changes in law made by this Act may not be implemented unless the United State District Court for the District of Columbia issues a declaratory judgment pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973c) that the changes made by this Act do not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section 1973b(f)(2).

(b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the governor signs this Act into law or, if this Act becomes law without the signature of the governor, not later than the 30th day after the last day on which the governor could have signed this Act into law, the attorney general shall file an action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking a declaratory judgment as described by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) No officer or employee of this state or of a political subdivision of this state may submit this Act or the changes made by this Act to the United States Attorney General or the United States Department of Justice for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Preclearance of the changes in law made by this Act, including a failure to interpose an objection to those changes, by the United States Attorney General or the United States Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 does not affect the prerequisite to implementing this Act prescribed by Subsection (a) of this section.