

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 1975

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1975:

By: Berman

C.S.H.B. No. 1975

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the submission of certain election changes under
3 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) For the purpose of obtaining preclearance
6 under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (42
7 U.S.C. Section 1973c), the attorney general shall institute an
8 action in the United States District Court for the District of
9 Columbia for a declaratory judgment that any change in the
10 following laws that affects voting has neither the purpose nor will
11 have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account
12 of race or color or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in
13 42 U.S.C. Section 1973b(f)(2):

14 (1) an Act of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session,
15 2011, relating to presenting proof of identification as a
16 requirement to vote; and

17 (2) a plan to apportion the state into districts used
18 to elect:

19 (A) members of the senate or the house of
20 representatives;

21 (B) members of the United States House of
22 Representatives from this state; and

23 (C) members of the State Board of Education.

24 (b) This section expires September 1, 2013.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.