

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF VOTING CHANGES UNDER
SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C. 1973c**

At the present time, the Civil Rights Division's web-based application for initiating Section 5 submission is not operational. Until its functionality can be restored, the Attorney General has established the following procedures to allow covered jurisdictions to provide virtually all the necessary information electronically. *Attorney General's Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 28 C.F.R. 51.24(g)*. These procedures do not affect the receipt of submissions mailed through the United States Postal Service or delivered by overnight express services, such as Airborne, DHL, or FedEx, and concern only the form in which voting changes are submitted electronically. These procedures also do not affect the information needed for a complete submission or the substantive standards applied to the review of voting changes as provided by Section 5 and in the *Attorney General's Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 28 C.F.R. Part 51*.

Under these temporary procedures, an electronic submission must be initiated by a cover letter describing the submission that may be sent by telefacsimile to the Voting Section at: 202/616-9514. Please send only letter size (8½ x 11 or A4) pages.

NOTE: The telefacsimile machine will be operational from 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time [E.D.T.] on Monday until 6:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Friday, excluding federal holidays.

If the total number of printed pages in the submission (including the cover letter) is 25 pages or less and contains no data in electronic format, you may make the entire submission by telefacsimile to the telephone number provided above.

If the total number of printed pages in the submission (including the cover letter) is more than 25 pages or contains data in an electronic format, please send only the cover letter by telefacsimile. The individual(s) assigned to analyze the submission will contact you promptly to provide you with the submission number so that you may provide the remainder of the information electronically. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have concerning the electronic transmission of any additional information you wish to provide.