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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested;
Extension without change, of a previously approved collection**

Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

AGENCY: Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register at 81 FR 69855 on October 7, 2016, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until

[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Robert S. Berman, Deputy Chief,

Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue 7243
NWB, (phone: 202-514-8690).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Civil Rights Division, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- 1 *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- 2 *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- 3 *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None (Civil Rights Division).
- 4 *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*
Primary respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government. Other: None
Abstract: Jurisdictions specially covered under the Voting Rights Act are required to comply with Sections 3 or 5 of the Act before they may implement any change in a standard, practice, or procedure affecting voting. One option for such compliance is to submit that change to Attorney General for review and establish that the proposed voting changes are not racially discriminatory. The procedures facilitate the provision of information that will enable the Attorney General to make the required determination.
- 5 *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 1 respondent will complete each form within approximately 3.0 hours.
- 6 *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 3.0 total hours.

If additional information is required contact: Melody D. Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: December 27, 2016.

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