

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

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Concurrent Resolution shall not be
13 interpreted or construed to be an expression of support of the provisions of H.R. 3899 by
14 Rep. Sensenbrenner of the 113th Congress, S. 1945 by Sen. Leahy of the 113th Congress,
15 or H.R. 885 by Rep. Sensenbrenner of the 114th Congress.

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

DIGEST

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Memorializes the U.S. Congress to amend and reenact Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, so that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act can be enforced to secure and protect the right to vote for millions of Americans.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original concurrent resolution:

1. Specify that the resolution shall not be interpreted or construed to be an expression of support of specified federal legislation.