

Remembering August 6, 1965

The Voting Rights Act

S. 1564 The League of Women Voters remains dedicated
to empowering everyone to participate fully in our democracy

Eighty-ninth Congress of the United States of America

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one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five*



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An Act

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enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
and for other purposes.

it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall

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SEC. 2. No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard,
practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or
political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of
the United States to vote on account of race or color.

SEC. 3. (a) Whenever the Attorney General institutes a proceeding
under any statute to enforce the guarantees of the fifteenth amend-
ment in any State or political subdivision the court shall authorize
the appointment of Federal examiners by the United States Civil
Service Commission in accordance with section 6 to serve for such
period of time and for such political subdivisions as the court shall
determine is appropriate to enforce the guarantees of the fifteenth
amendment. (1) as part of any interlocutory order if the court deter-
mines that the appointment of such examiners is necessary to enforce
such guarantees or (2) as part of any final judgment if the court finds

