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JUSTICE SIGNS OFF ON HOUSE REDISTRICTING PLAN

The Louisiana House of Representatives, through its attorney, Jason Torchinsky, was advised today that the U.S. Dept. of Justice has pre-cleared or approved its redistricting plan. The plan will now be in effect for this fall's elections.

The federal Voting Rights Act required that Louisiana's redistricting plan be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Justice and/or the district court for the District of Columbia. The House submitted its plan to both. The pre-clearance determination by the Attorney General will cause the law suit to be dismissed.

House Speaker Jim Tucker said, "We are extremely grateful that the Attorney General determined that our new plan complies with the Voting Rights Act."

This is the first time since the adoption of the Voting Rights Act that a Louisiana House plan has received pre-clearance as initially passed.

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