

Changing Our Political System (COPS)

The removal of renewing of the Voting Rights Act. (VRA) Proposal

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House of Representatives - Ethic Committee

I am David Dawn, Founder and President of Changing Our Political System (COPS). We are a non-profit political organization. Our goal is to change some laws in a legal and non-violent manner. Our main purpose is to address amendments for some existing laws through our State and Federal Congresses.

Changing Our Political System (COPS) is truly about the ethics of the law for all American citizens. We do not belong to any political party, due to the need to unite all of the voters to work with us on the different issues for the equality of all the American people.

We need the removal of renewing our Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the Basic Provision that includes our rights in Civil Court. Congress renews these two issues every 25 years. Congress renews these two issues in 2031.

#1. The 13th Amendment, Voting Rights Act (VRA). All minorities rights needs to be kept on the books for ever. We need the removal of renewing our Voting Rights Act (VRA). This includes all minorities, men and women from every race. The only exception to this is the white male. This is a biased law. The only reason we are doing this is to be equal to the white male in the eyes of the law.

As it is now, we are not.

#2. The Basic Provision is from the 15th Amendment that includes our rights in Civil Court. Why did congress move our rights in Civil Court from the 15th Amendment to the 13th Amendment Voting Rights Act (VRA)??? It does not make sense.

History shows from 1865 to 1965 discrimination was unchecked. The disenfranchisement after the Reconstruction Era was and still is an ongoing battle for the Voting Rights Act (VRA). The long-delayed issue of voting rights had come to the forefront because of a voter registration drive launched by Civil Rights Activists in Selma, Alabama.

SHELBY COUNTY v. HOLDER --- The Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965, aimed to overcome legal barriers in a system of laws that was built to have moral principles that governs the citizens at the state and local levels. The national racial discrimination that was unchecked prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 13th Amendment in the United States of the American Constitution.

Southern states suppressed the voting rights of black and poor white voters through Jim Crow Laws. Ultimately, Congress determined that although significant progress had been made in reducing racial discrimination in voting since 1965. There still is sufficient discrimination existed to justify extending the special provisions.

In 1965 Congress enacted major amendments to the Voting Rights Act, called the Basic Provisions of the 15th Amendment.

Right to trial by jury

No double jeopardy

Don't have to testify against self

Right to due process

No private property taken

*Remember, these rights in our Civil Courts have to be renewed as well as our Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Congress also expanded the reach of the coverage formula by supplementing it with new 1968 and 1972 trigger dates. Congress enacted major amendments to the VRA. Each amendment coincided with an impending expiration of some or all of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) Special Provisions. Originally set to expire by 1970. Congress repeatedly reauthorized the Special Provisions in recognition of continuing voting discrimination. Congress extended the coverage formula and the Special Provisions that was tied to it. The renewal dates for the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in Section 5 preclearance requirement was for five years in 1970, then seven years in 1975, and then 25 years in both 1982 and 2006.

Coverage was further enlarged in 1975 when Congress expanded the meaning of "tests or devices" to encompass any jurisdiction that provided English-only election information, such as ballots, if the jurisdiction had a single language minority group that constituted more than five percent of the jurisdiction's voting-age citizens. These expansions brought numerous jurisdictions into coverage, including many outside of the South. This was done to keep up with the changing times and today (2020) congress is still adding special provisions to the VRA.

This is the reason for congress to put a time limit on the renewal of the voting rights Act and the Special Provision for our rights in Civil Court from the 15th Amendment. Congress had felt that the hate emotions of the public will stop. History has proven different. There will always be hate groups. It is part of our way of life that is filled with greed and the idea of one being empowered by another. It is bread into our social structure around the world.

There will always be discrimination. Bush Senior changed the Voting Rights Act (VRA) from Blacks only to all minorities. Racial discrimination existed from the beginning of time and will remain as long as we have different races filled with greed for power over the people. This is why the Voting Rights Act (VRA) should be permanent like the other laws within our American Constitution.

We are now in the year of 2020 and we still have disenfranchisement from the Reconstruction Era going on. A Governor in 2016 cheated by messing with the minority voters as well as their registration places. He got reelected and got away with it. In 2018 Governors in several states voting district rezoning areas against the voters decision for no rezoning, refusing to register new voters and many other illegal acts. These illegal acts are not being over seen by the State Congressional Oversight Committees.

These laws need to be clearly stated and be enforced by our State and Federal Congressional Oversight Committees, this is a must. It is the only legal way to insure the Civil Rights for all American citizens to be equal.

The people are very tired of living with a Lame Duck Congress from both major political parties. A lot of politicians is so involved in their fear of change and so self-centered with their greed or afraid of being talked about or bullied by other members of congress and their leaders, that they close their minds to doing what is right. They refuse to see, hear, read and understand what is really good for all of the people. It is true, we do have our differences in life styles with our political and religious beliefs. Still, we must see that our different ways of living does not stop the advancement in being equal, that has to be made in order to change with the times and move into the future.

In the rules of conduct that is recognized by the swearing in of office, by all politician's with the respect to a particular class of human actions set in a system of laws with high moral principles that governs all the citizens in an equal manner for everyone in America or a particular group, culture or gender must be enforced. Each member of Congress has moral principles that must be considered in showing where their true belief and moral principles lie in the duty to the sworn office that they hold. As an individual of a branch of our legislative system dealing with values relating to human conduct, they owe it to the people to see into doing, upholding and believing in equal justice for all.

We need to create a change in the cultural mind set of the people and our elected officials throughout our State and Federal Governmental System. By changing several laws with our State and Federal Congress Members, this will create a

change in the subconscious mind of voters and politicians. Through a cultural mind set Congress will find common ground in achieving the wishes wants and needs of all the people, thus creating a positive cultural mind set of all the people. Along with a much stronger unification of the people with the politicians of all of the people believing as they should within our nation's government.

The people would feel better about seeing the politician's having a open mind for a system of laws with positive moral principles, politician's working together with other parties to resolve the problems at hand for the hard working citizens, like you and I and not for the lobbyist of the industrialist, politician's not letting their differences in life styles with our political and religious beliefs stoping the change that has to be made in our laws as we move into the future.

This is the start of healing and getting back those positive moral principles that has and is being ignored by politicians and civil rights organizations of life in America. This will be a positive change for the voters who have the idea of things will never change due to political individuals with negative moral principles, thus creating a stronger unification of the races. This positive change can and will be achieved starting with removing the renewal of our Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Our solution is to get the voters out and vote for new politicians for State Congress. This is the only way we will see a change in our Federal Congressional Political System. It is time for the change of guard in congress. We really need to get rid of the Confederate Congressional ideas and laws. This is the year 2020 and the time has changed from the early 1700's idea of greed and power over other races. The old way of thinking is out dated. We need politicians who think and believe about the modern day issues, in a modern day way by revising some of the old laws.

There are three great reasons why this needs to be addressed swiftly by congress.

#1. As shown above, the need for this has been going on for centuries. The hard working minority people need to feel and be a citizen equal to anyone else in all of the civil rights issues. This would be a good start in rebuilding the confidence the people has lost in our politicians, government and social system. We need to

create a change in the cultural mind set of the people. We need to reinstate the confidence and the positive moral principles that we was raised to believe in the American way of life.

#2. This will reinstate and unify the races with the confidence for voters to get out and vote for younger men and women for congress because they see a change happening. They will know that with each vote and with each new politician it will improve the chances of a real change will be coming.

#3. The people will have their confidence back in our newly elected congress members because they pushed this proposal through congress and made it law. They will believe that with every new congress member a change will come because they are not in debt to the industrial lobbyist. The people will see the need to create a change in their cultural mind set because the new leaders of our government is believing in this cultural mind set themselves.

The people will see new politicians that have positive moral principles with no fear of change, who are not self-centered, greedy or/and closed minded. New politicians would have an open mind for working together with other parties and will resolve the problems at hand. The people will see the new politicians willing to see, hear, read and understand what is really good for all of the people of the nation.

This will cost the congress members nothing but a small amount of their time to say “**na**” or “**ya**”. Then the house staff will put it in writing.

The renewal issues need to be completely removed from our American Constitution. Not just moot because there is many different meanings for moot. The Voting Rights Act (VRA) should be permanent like the other laws in our American Constitution.

This is a small step in correcting the laws for the law abiding, hard working American Citizens who really want and need to be treated as an equal citizen. These are people like you and I. All minorities who are citizens of the United States should have the same overall rights with no exceptions, which the white male has.

***Remember, if all American Citizens are equal in the eyes of the laws of every state and in our American Constitution is about a system of laws with moral principles that governs the citizens in an equal manner for everyone in America, then why should the Voting Rights Act (VRA) have to be renewed every 25 years?*

Your support in making this proposal pass in congress as soon as possible will unite the races and reinstall the people's confidence in our congress. With your help and the unification of the voters the removal of the renewing of the Voting Rights Act will be achieved and be permanent. We will be making changes that are needed for a brighter future for ourselves and our children. We must change our laws to keep up with the demands of our future voters, leaders and the changing times.

We thank you for your time, concern and support.

Sincerely,

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