

House Resolution 212

By: Representatives Joyce of the 1st and Franklin of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to amend the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 to repeal
2 the preclearance requirement of 42 U.S.C. 1973c; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. 1973c imposes the outdated preclearance requirement that states
4 submit changes in their internal voting and election laws to the federal government for prior
5 approval; and

6 WHEREAS, the states are sovereign units with the right to govern themselves under the
7 principles of federalism; and

8 WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. 1973c unnecessarily slows the process of making necessary and fair
9 changes in state voting and election practices and violates states' rights; and

10 WHEREAS, this amendment to the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 would in no way
11 diminish the rights of United States citizens or citizens of any state to enjoy free, fair, and
12 nondiscriminatory elections nor would the force and effect of the federal Voting Rights Act
13 of 1965 be lessened.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to amend the federal Voting
16 Rights Act of 1965 to repeal the preclearance requirement of 42 U.S.C. 1973c so as to allow
17 states to govern their own voting practices without interference from the federal government.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the United
20 States House of Representatives, the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to
21 members of the Georgia congressional delegation.