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H. R. 174

To amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to clarify certain aspects of its coverage and to provide for the recovery of additional litigation expenses by litigants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. EDWARDS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voting Rights Exten-
5 sion Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 14(c) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) As used in section 5, the term ‘procedure with
2 respect to voting’ includes any change of procedural rules,
3 voting practices, or transfers of decision making authority
4 that affect the powers of an elected official or position.

5 “(5) As used in section 2, the term, “standard, prac-
6 tice, or procedure” includes any procedural rule, voting
7 practice, or transfer of decision making authority that im-
8 pairs the powers of an elected official or position.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EXPERT EXPENSES.**

10 Section 14(e) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is
11 amended by inserting “, reasonable expert expenses, and
12 other reasonable litigation expenses” before “as part of
13 the costs”.

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