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Legislation Text

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Registrar of Voters recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **137-2015** commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which occurred on August 6, 2015.

FUNDING: N/A

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Registrar of Voters is recommending the Chair adopt and sign Resolution in recognition of the 50 year anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a milestone in national legislation that prohibits discriminatory voting practices from disenfranchising African Americans. The act, which was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, makes it illegal to require eligible voters to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote.

Since its initial passage, the act has expanded its reach with amendments that assist language minorities in the voting process by providing language-specific election materials to jurisdictions with large numbers of language minorities.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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