



## THE NANCY PELOSI POWER GRAB BILL

**Gives Deep State/Anonymous/Leftwing Federal Government Bureaucrats  
Control over ALL Elections!**

**What would the bill allow them to do?**

- **Ban Voter ID**
- **Ban cleanup of voter rolls**
- **Ban voter identify verification for absentee ballots**
- **Dictate how district lines are drawn for *everything*: precinct lines, school board districts, legislative, judicial and congressional districts...every political boundary in America**
- **Puts the US Attorney General as the Master Dictator for all elections, taking that power away from local election boards and state legislatures *and on ....and on....and on...***
- **In a nutshell, the Pelosi Power Grab bill puts the decisions about elections in the hands of federal bureaucrats to 'pre-clear' all election law changes: veto power over the simplest election decisions in every locale in the country.**
- **All in the name of "voting rights" ....but the only rights protected are those of the federal bureaucrats who are given total power over state and local elections**

**History of Pre-Clearance of Voting Changes:**

- **In 1965, Congress enacted the Voting Rights Act ("VRA")** to eliminate the vestiges of the Democrats' Jim Crow laws that had deprived black citizens the right to vote for a century
- **Section 5 of the VRA created a "temporary" system** whereby all election procedures in certain states with a history of intentional discrimination against black voters were frozen in place as of 1965 – and before any changes could be implemented, those were submitted to the federal government for 'pre-clearance': the US Department of Justice would receive and review, and then either approve or deny the changes
- **Congress reauthorized the VRA for nearly 50 years** without changing the 1965 formula described in Section 4 of the VRA for determining which jurisdictions were subject to pre-clearance.

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- **In 2013, the US Supreme Court** struck down the pre-clearance formula as discriminatory against certain states and counties because it had not been updated in nearly 50 years and continued to be imposed on states based on their 1965 voting patterns
- **The Voting Rights Act** was reauthorized by Congress through 2031, and is in effect in 2021, but now without the triggers requiring any jurisdiction to ask the federal government for permission prior to making changes in its voting laws.

### What Pre-Clearance Means...Then And Now:

- **What is “preclearance”?** Covered jurisdictions could only change election rules in place in 1965 if pre-approved (precleared) by the federal government.
- **Burden of proof?** The burden of proof is on the submitting jurisdiction to show the proposed rule change will not have the purpose or effect of diminishing minority voting strength. Stated differently, before any evidence is presented, Section 5 presumes a covered jurisdiction is discriminating.
- **What election rules are subject to Pre-Clearance?** *Anything* that impacts an election, no matter how small or seemingly unrelated the proposed change.
- **People unfamiliar with Section 5** often do not appreciate how intrusive DOJ and advocacy groups view Section 5 coverage:
  - *Example:* When reviewing a poll location change for preclearance, the new location is compared to the original location for any detrimental effect on minority voters’ ability for access. Is the new polling location further away from the minority community than the old one? Is the new polling location not accessible by mass transportation lines and the old one is? Is the new polling location housed where the minority community is uncomfortable going, like an historically white church?
  - *Example:* If a polling location was originally located in Room A of the local Community Centre, but the room is unavailable on election day, and is moved across the hall to Room B, that change must be submitted to the federal government for preclearance. If the polling location is located in a 100 % white precinct, with no ability to affect minority voters, the change must still be submitted for preclearance.
- **No change is too small or too unrelated for potentially being declared a subject requiring pre-clearance.** For example, an AL county had to litigate whether changes to its budget authority is subject to Section 5. [SCOTUS ruled in favor of that county in 1992](#), but only after great expense and effort. There is nothing stopping new interpretations adopting an ever more expansive view of the topics subject to federal review and approval: abortion laws? Gun rights? **Every area of law could be impacted!**
- **The pre-clearance review by the DOJ attorneys is based largely on guess work** and biased witness accounts, often submitted by failed candidates or political opponents from the submitting jurisdiction.
- **There are no clear or objective standards for the pre-clearance process** in terms of what should be “approved” and what should be “vetoed” by the federal government.

- Pre-clearance has never been and never will be a fair and impartial process, treating all jurisdictions and all proposed changes in an even-handed manner.

## **The 2021 Threat to America’s Elections: Return and Expansion of the Oppressive “Mother, May I?” Regime**

- Democrats and some liberal Republicans are now calling for Congress to adopt a new ‘methodology’ for triggering pre-clearance provisions of the VRA: one that would eventually sweep every state into pre-clearance hell.
- **All of the election integrity measures proposed and enacted by state legislatures in 2021 to protect the voting process would be subject to VETO by the federal government:**
  - Voter ID, verification of voter identity for absentee and mail ballots, prohibitions against ballot harvesting, strengthening chain of custody provisions for all ballots and ballot boxes, cleaning voter rolls, sending absentee ballots only to voters who request them, prohibiting private money from flowing into election offices, redistricting of election maps from the school board to the state supreme court and everything in between...and all the election reforms seeking to remedy the chaos of 2020 would be submitted to the leftist lawyers at DOJ who can VETO the reforms!

## **The Far Left Controls the Voting Section of DOJ...and have for decades!**

- **Lawyers in the DOJ Voting Section have decades-long tenures at DOJ and have established symbiotic relationships with leftwing advocacy groups;** career DOJ attorneys are instructed to coordinate their government decision-making with leftwing groups in preclearance determinations.
- Many DOJ attorneys in the Voting Section are highly political and deliberately target states whose voters they disagree with politically.
- **The proposed new ‘triggers’ for pre-clearance would ultimately cover every single county and state in the country with a new “practice-based” preclearance requirement, to include the filing of lawsuits by left wing groups, or any settlement entered into by a jurisdiction to get rid of such a lawsuit...encouraging the filing of meritless lawsuits against every county and city in the country.**
- This new preclearance scheme would give the radical, Left-wing partisans who inhabit the career ranks of the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ the ability to veto any election rules and laws they don’t like, helping their left win political allies and abusing the power of the federal government to force the submission of every jurisdiction in the country....in order to achieve their partisan political objectives.

**DON’T LET PELOSI AND THE RADICAL SQUAD TAKE OVER OUR ELECTIONS!**