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Dear Mr. Anderson:

This refers to Chapter 188 (A.B. 459) (2011), which subject to the conditions specified in the legislation, changes the way the state's electoral college votes will be awarded in presidential elections; and Chapter 563 (S.B. 441) (2011), which eliminates the ability of political parties to include contribution solicitations in the sample ballots mailed to registered voters, for the State of California, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on November 18, 2011.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

for T. Christian Herren, Jr.
T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section