

**Subpart G—Sanctions**

**§ 51.62 Enforcement by the Attorney General.**

(a) The Attorney General is authorized to bring civil actions for appropriate relief against violations of the Act's provisions, including section 5. See section 12(d).

(b) Certain violations of section 5 may be subject to criminal sanctions. See section 12(a) and (c).

**§ 51.63 Enforcement by private parties.**

Private parties have standing to enforce section 5.

**§ 51.64 Bar to termination of coverage (bailout).**

(a) Section 4(a) of the Act sets out the requirements for the termination of coverage (bailout) under section 5. See § 51.5. Among the requirements for bailout is compliance with section 5, as described in section 4(a), during the ten years preceding the filing of the bailout action and during its pendency.

(b) In defending bailout actions, the Attorney General will not consider as a bar to bailout under section 4(a)(1)(E) a section 5 objection to a submitted voting standard, practice, or procedure if the objection was subsequently withdrawn on the basis of a determination by the Attorney General that it had originally been interposed as a result

of the Attorney General's misinterpretation of fact or mistake in the law, or if the unmodified voting standard, practice, or procedure that was the subject of the objection received section 5 preclearance by means of a declaratory judgment from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

(c) Notice will be given to interested parties registered under § 51.32 when bailout actions are filed or decided.

**Subpart H—Petition To Change Procedures**

**§ 51.65 Who may petition.**

Any jurisdiction or interested individual or group may petition to have these procedural guidelines amended.

**§ 51.66 Form of petition.**

A petition under this subpart may be made by informal letter and shall state the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the change requested, and the reasons for the change.

**§ 51.67 Disposition of petition.**

The Attorney General shall promptly consider and dispose of a petition under this subpart and give notice of the disposition, accompanied by a simple statement of the reasons, to the petitioner.

APPENDIX TO PART 51—JURISDICTIONS COVERED UNDER SECTION 4(b) OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, AS AMENDED

The requirements of section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, as amended, apply in the following jurisdictions. The applicable date is the date that was used to determine coverage and the date after which changes affecting voting are subject to the preclearance requirement. Some jurisdictions, for example, Yuba County, California, are included more than once because they have been determined on more than one occasion to be covered under section 4(b).

Jurisdiction	Applicable date	Federal Register citation	
		Volume and page	Date
Alabama .....	Nov. 1, 1964 .....	30 FR 9897 .....	Aug. 7, 1965.
Alaska .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	40 FR 49422 .....	Oct. 22, 1975.
Arizona .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	40 FR 43746 .....	Sept. 23, 1975.
California:			
Kings County .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	40 FR 43746 .....	Sept. 23, 1975.
Merced County .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	40 FR 43746 .....	Sept. 23, 1975.
Monterey County .....	Nov. 1, 1968 .....	36 FR 5809 .....	Mar. 27, 1971.
Yuba County .....	Nov. 1, 1968 .....	36 FR 5809 .....	Mar. 27, 1971.
Yuba County .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	41 FR 784 .....	Jan. 5, 1976.
Florida:			
Collier County .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	41 FR 34329 .....	Aug. 13, 1976.
Hardee County .....	Nov. 1, 1972 .....	40 FR 43746 .....	Sept. 23, 1975.