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**Authority:** This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.46 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Civil Rights Division

#### Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Request OMB Emergency Approval of a Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, has submitted the following information collection request utilizing emergency review procedures, to OMB for review and clearance in accordance with sections 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Civil Rights Division has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part of the Act because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

Therefore, OMB emergency approval has been requested by January 27, 1998. If granted the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval *must* be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer (Ms. Victoria Wassmer), Washington, DC, 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted to OMB via facsimile at 202-395-7285.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to: Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, Attention: David H. Hunter, (202) 307-2898, P.O. Box 66128, Washington, DC 20035. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 16, 1998. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used;
3. enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. evaluate whether the data collection instrument will minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection.

1. Type of Information Collection. Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

2. Title of the Form/Collection: Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: None. Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State, Local, and Tribal Government. Other: None. Jurisdictions specifically covered under the Voting Rights Act are required to obtain preclearance from the Attorney General before instituting changes affecting voting. They must convince the Attorney General that voting changes are not racially discriminatory. The procedures facilitate the provision

of information that will enable the Attorney General to make the required determination.

5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 10,103 respondents with the average response at 10.021 hours.

6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 47,365 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Suite 850, Washington Center Building, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20530.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Justice Management Division; Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection: Common Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Extension of Previously Approved Collection, Department of Justice Procurement Blanket Clearance.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below.

This collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 1997, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the management and Planning Staff.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 17, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with a 5 CFR 3120.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Attention: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile on 202-395-7285.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of