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Mr. Allen K. Brock
Executive Secretary
State Board of Elections
Suite 801 Raleigh Building
5 West Hargett Street
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Dear Mr. Brock:

This is in reference to Chapter 1063 of the North Carolina Session Laws of 1967 which was submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

On June 1, 1971 I received the additional documents you furnished on this statute. After a careful review of this data and the other information, I cannot conclude that the requirement to run for a numbered seat in some of the multimember legislative districts designated in the statute does not have the effect of minimizing the voting strength of black citizens living in those districts. Therefore, I must interpose an objection to the continued implementation of Chapter 1063 in the 39 counties covered by Section 5.

As you may know, as provided by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, you have the alternative of instituting an action in the United States District Court for the

District of Columbia seeking a judgment declaring that this present submission does not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. NORMAN
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division