

GERALD W. JONES

10 JUN 1975

HONORABLE A. F. SUMNER
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO HOUSE BILL 1290 AND
SENATE BILL 2976, LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI, 1975 REGULAR
SESSION, WHICH YOU SUBMITTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PURSUANT TO SECTION 5, VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.
YOUR SUBMISSION WAS RECEIVED JUNE 9, 1975.

WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THESE
STATUTES AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH HAS COME
TO OUR ATTENTION. ON THE BASIS OF OUR ANALYSIS, PART
OF WHICH WE OUTLINED IN OUR MEMORANDUM AS AMICUS CURIAE
FILED JUNE 3, 1975, WITH THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT IN CONNOR V. WALLER, NO. A968, A COPY OF WHICH
YOU RECEIVED, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE, AS WE MUST
UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, THAT THE

189

IMPLEMENTATION OF H.B. 1290 AND 2976 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. I MUST, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL INTERPOSE AN OBJECTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE REDISTRICTING PLANS CONTAINED IN H.B. 1290
AND S.B. 2976.

J. STANLEY POTTINGER
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION