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S.C. SENATE ANNOUNCES PRECLEARANCE OF REDISTRICTING PLAN BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Columbia, SC - Today, Senator Glenn McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the S.C. Senate and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced that the S.C. Senate redistricting plan received preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice. As Senator McConnell stated, "I believe the preclearance by the Department of Justice, as required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, is a result of the Senate working together in a bi-partisan effort to achieve and enact a fair and representative redistricting plan for the state Senate."

In a letter dated November 14, 2011, the Department of Justice stated that it had no objection to the Senate Redistricting plan. Because of South Carolina's growth in the past decade, the population of each of the forty-six Senate Districts has increased to approximately 100,551 people. The preclearance by the Department of Justice means that the new Senate Redistricting Plan may now be lawfully implemented.

Additional information on the S.C. Senate redistricting plan is available at the Senate Redistricting website: <http://redistricting@scsenate.gov>.

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