- "I want you to write me the goddamndest, toughest, voting rights act that you can devise"
- LBJ to Attorney General Nicholas Katzenback

## THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965



"So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind — it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact — I can only submit to the edict of others."

- Martin Luther King



