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Then, Senator Ted Kennedy led the effort to amend the bill to prevent poll taxes. Shortly after the marches, President Johnson sent a voting rights bill to Congress to remove race-based restrictions.

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If you have problems viewing these images please contact. He then gave further instructions to Attorney General Katzenbach with regard to drafting the bill, telling him to draft the toughest possible voting rights act he could draft.

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It was only eight days after President Lyndon B. State Board of Elections, 393 U. The district court upheld the provisions, finding that evidence presented to Congress in 2006 was enough to justify the sections as constitutional.

Voting Rights Act of 1965 (U.S. National Park Service)

The 1970 and 1975 Amendments Congress extended Section 5 for five years in 1970 and for seven years in 1975. History of the Voting Rights Act The history of the Voting Rights Act dates to the creation of the Constitution itself. President Johnson signed the resulting legislation into law on August 6, 1965.

Congress and the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Congress and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 Despite the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870, African Americans in the South faced tremendous obstacles to voting. Between 1965 and 1969 the Supreme Court also issued several key decisions upholding the constitutionality of Section 5 and affirming the broad range of voting practices that required Section 5 review. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was readopted and strengthened in 1970, 1975, and 1982.

History Of Federal Voting Rights Laws

On March 7, 1965, peaceful voting rights protesters in Selma, Alabama were violently attacked by Alabama state police. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965 with Martin Luther King Jr.

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