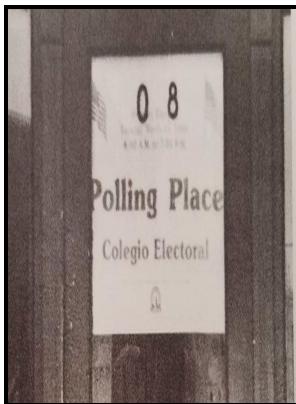


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Attorney General, he testified before Congress in an attempt to promote legislation to eliminate literacy tests, especially for Puerto Rican voters. As noted below, Robert Kennedy was eventually successful in outlawing English literacy requirements for Puerto Rican voters with the passage of the historic Voting Rights Act in 1965.

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Congress then enacted the Enforcement Act of 1870, which contained criminal penalties for interference with the right to vote, and the Force Act of 1871, which provided for federal election oversight.

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He also has served as an expert witness for plaintiffs in voting rights cases, most recently in legal challenges to voter ID laws in South Carolina and Texas. Using the literacy test, officials could easily bar prospective African American voters from the polls by claiming that their interpretation of a passage in the state constitution was incorrect. By 1965 concerted efforts to break the grip of state disfranchisement had been under way for some time, but had achieved only modest success overall and in some areas had proved almost entirely ineffectual.

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