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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRECLEARS OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM
FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler is announcing the preclearance of Act 570 from the U.S. Department of Justice which reverts to the open primary system for congressional elections. The act can be implemented as early as 2012 congressional elections, or as necessary regarding special elections.

Act 560 of the 2006 Regular Session provided for first and second party primaries which was effective Jan. 1, 2007. The reversal of this act will save more than \$5 million in election-related costs to the taxpayers of Louisiana. It will also help reduce voter confusion and additional commissioner training.

“I am happy to announce that the Justice Department saw fit to approve this change regarding our state’s elections,” Secretary Schedler said. “This will once again allow us to streamline elections and save money during these difficult fiscal times.”

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