

# STANDING RESOLUTION 10

## 2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE: REPAIR AND STRENGTHEN THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

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7 **This petition is a new Standing Resolution**

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9 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: YES 21, NO 2, ABSTAIN 0**

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12 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

13 REPAIR AND STRENGTHEN THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT

14 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference supports repairing the 1965 Voting Rights Act that was  
15 decimated by the 2010 2013 U.S. Supreme Court *Shelby County v. Holder* decision. The weakened  
16 Voting Rights Act has allowed many states to place barriers to voting, including strict voter ID laws  
17 and residency requirements and prohibition of same-day registration. The voters most affected by  
18 these obstacles are blacks and other racial minorities, the poor, the elderly and young people. This  
19 must be changed. All U.S. citizens should have the right to vote without barriers.

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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

22 **What will this action accomplish?**

23 Americans will begin to think about how to eliminate the barriers to voting and what options for voting could  
24 be enacted, such as supporting a constitutional amendment explicitly granting the right to vote, or perhaps a  
25 new Voting Rights Amendment Act that could repair this recent damage.

27 **Why is it important?**

28 Voting is a right for citizens in a democracy.

30 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

31 [Be specific. Who will monitor the action? When? If the Conference Secretary is to write a letter, include the  
32 appropriate contact information and the content of the letter.]

33 Americans will have to analyze and think about the best solutions for fair voting for every citizen.

35 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

36 [Everything we do or proclaim has monetary cost. Staff time and pages in the journal have cost.]

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38 Printing costs for the Journal. No personal cost, except just time to think and act to make our U.S.  
39 democracy work fairly.