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**SENATE PRESIDENT CHAISSON PLEASED  
WITH U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PRE-CLEARANCE  
OF SENATE REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Senate President Joel Chaisson announced this evening that the U.S. Department of Justice has pre-cleared the Senate redistricting plan. In a letter to President Chaisson, the Justice Department advised the Senate that "the Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified change."

"I am pleased with the Justice Department's decision. The move to pre-clear the Senate redistricting plan negates the need for a special legislative session which would have been necessary if the federal officials had raised objections to our plan," Senate President Chaisson said. "I am confident with this good news that we can move forward with the regularly scheduled legislative elections this fall."

Louisiana operates under the Voting Rights Act. The Voting Rights Act requires justice department review of changes in election districts to among other things ensure that minority voting strength is not diluted in the redistricting process.

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