



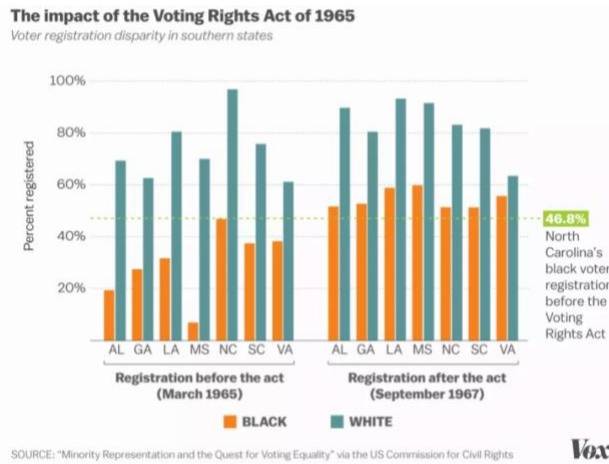
Oppose Discrimination
Support [SB 1395](#), [HB 1890](#), [HB 1883](#)



Preclearance at the state level will deter discriminatory elections practices.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports the right of every eligible voter to vote. We urge you to **cosponsor and vote for [SB 1395](#), [HB 1890](#), and [HB 1883](#)**.

- Under the federal Voting Rights Act, states with a history of voter discrimination had to obtain federal approval before changing their voting laws. The VRA was followed by notable increases in Black voter registration and participation.



- In [Shelby County v. Holder](#), however, the Supreme Court struck down part of the Voting Rights Act, so **preclearance has stopped**.
- In former preclearance states, many **voters have lost their rights to vote** through illegal voter roll purges and other changes.
- [SB 1395](#), [HB 1890](#), and [HB 1883](#)** will help avoid changes that tend to disenfranchise, such as restricting translators or moving polling places far from public transportation.
- Lawsuits to address voting rights violations do not substitute for preclearance, which is designed to avert discrimination in advance rather than long after elections.
- Each bill would set up **state level preclearance**.
 - SB 1395** and **HB 1890** provide for preclearance by the state Attorney General or by localities approving new state or local processes after public comment.
 - HB 1883** provides for preclearance of major election changes in former preclearance areas by the state AG or the Circuit Court in Richmond.