

1973aa-1 or 1973aa-1a of this title, he may institute for the United States, or in the name of the United States, an action in a district court of the United States, in accordance with sections 1391 through 1393¹ of title 28, for a restraining order, a preliminary or permanent injunction, or such other order as he deems appropriate. An action under this subsection shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28 and any appeal shall be to the Supreme Court.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title II, §204, formerly §203, as added Pub. L. 91-285, §6, June 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 317; renumbered §204 and amended Pub. L. 94-73, title III, §§302, 303, title IV, §406, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 403, 405.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1393 of title 28, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 100-702, title X, §1001(a), Nov. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 4664.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-73 inserted reference to section 1973aa-1a of this title and substituted reference to section 2284 of title 28 for reference to section 2282 of title 28.

§ 1973aa-3. Penalty

Whoever shall deprive or attempt to deprive any person of any right secured by section 1973aa, 1973aa-1, or 1973aa-1a of this title shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title II, §205, formerly §204, as added Pub. L. 91-285, §6, June 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 317; renumbered §205 and amended Pub. L. 94-73, title III, §§302, 304, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 403.)

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-73 inserted reference to section 1973aa-1a of this title.

§ 1973aa-4. Separability

If any provision of subchapters I-A to I-C of this chapter or the application of any provision thereof to any person or circumstance is judicially determined to be invalid, the remainder of subchapters I-A to I-C of this chapter or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such determination.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title II, §206, formerly §205, as added Pub. L. 91-285, §6, June 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 318; renumbered §206, Pub. L. 94-73, title III, §302, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 403.)

§ 1973aa-5. Survey to compile registration and voting statistics

(a) Elections to House of Representatives and elections designated by United States Commission on Civil Rights

Congress hereby directs the Director of the Census forthwith to conduct a survey to compile registration and voting statistics: (i) in every State or political subdivision with respect to which the prohibitions of section 1973b(a) of this

title are in effect, for every statewide general election for Members of the United States House of Representatives after January 1, 1974; and (ii) in every State or political subdivision for any election designated by the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Such surveys shall only include a count of citizens of voting age, race or color, and national origin, and a determination of the extent to which such persons are registered to vote and have voted in the elections surveyed.

(b) Prohibition against compulsion to disclose personal data; advice of rights

In any survey under subsection (a) of this section no person shall be compelled to disclose his race, color, national origin, political party affiliation, or how he voted (or the reasons therefor), nor shall any penalty be imposed for his failure or refusal to make such disclosures. Every person interrogated orally, by written survey or questionnaire, or by any other means with respect to such information shall be fully advised of his right to fail or refuse to furnish such information.

(c) Report to Congress

The Director of the Census shall, at the earliest practicable time, report to the Congress the results of every survey conducted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Confidentiality of information; penalties

The provisions of section 9 and chapter 7 of title 13 shall apply to any survey, collection, or compilation of registration and voting statistics carried out under subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 94-73, title IV, §403, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 404.)

§ 1973aa-6. Voting assistance for blind, disabled or illiterate persons

Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title II, §208, as added Pub. L. 97-205, §5, June 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 135.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-205, §5, June 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 135, provided that this section is effective Jan. 1, 1984.

SUBCHAPTER I-C—EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD VOTING AGE

§ 1973bb. Enforcement of twenty-sixth amendment

(a)(1) The Attorney General is directed to institute, in the name of the United States, such actions against States or political subdivisions, including actions for injunctive relief, as he may determine to be necessary to implement the twenty-sixth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

(2) The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction of proceedings instituted under this subchapter, which shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accord-

¹ See References in Text note below.