

**§ 10507. 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 10303(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.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1973aa-5 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 10508. 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.)

CODIFICATION

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-205, §5, June 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 134, provided that this section is effective Jan. 1, 1984.

**CHAPTER 107—RIGHT TO VOTE AT AGE EIGHTEEN**

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**§ 10701. 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 chapter, which shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with section 2284 of title 28, and any appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court. It shall be the duty of the judges designated to hear the case to assign the case for hearing and determination thereof, and to cause the case to be in every way expedited.

(b) Whoever shall deny or attempt to deny any person of any right secured by the twenty-sixth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title III, §301, as added Pub. L. 91-285, §6, June 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 318; amended Pub. L. 94-73, title IV, §407, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 405.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1973bb of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-73 substituted provisions authorizing the Attorney General to institute proceedings to enforce twenty-sixth amendment, the jurisdiction of the district courts, and penalties for denial of rights secured by twenty-sixth amendment, for provisions relating to Congressional findings and prohibition of denial of right to vote on account of age.

**§ 10702. "State" defined**

As used in this chapter, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 89-110, title III, §302, as added Pub. L. 91-285, §6, June 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 318; amended Pub. L. 94-73, title IV, §407, Aug. 6, 1975, 89 Stat. 405.)

CODIFICATION

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AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-73 substituted definition of State for provisions prohibiting denial of right to vote because of age.