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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 110921596-1557-01]

Voting Rights Act Amendments of 2006, Determinations Under Section 203

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, this notice publishes the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) Director's determinations as to which political subdivisions are subject to the minority language assistance provisions of the Act. As of this date, those jurisdictions that are listed as covered by Section 203 have a legal obligation to provide the minority language assistance prescribed by the Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Catherine M. McCully, Chief, Census Redistricting Data Office, Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, Room DIR 8H019, 4600 Silver Hill Rd, Washington DC 20233, by telephone at 301-763-4039, or visit the Redistricting Data Office Internet site at www.census.gov/rdo/.

For information regarding the applicable provisions of the Act, please contact T. Christian Herren, Jr., Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Room 7254-

NWB,950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, by telephone at (800) 253-3931 or visit the Voting Section Internet site at <http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In July 2006, Congress amended the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.), §, 1973 *et seq.* (See Pub. L. No. 109-246, 120 Stat. 577 (2006)). Among other changes, the sunset date for minority language assistance provisions set forth in Section 203 of the Act was extended to August 5, 2032.

Section 203 mandates that a state or political subdivision must provide language assistance to voters if more than five (5) percent of voting age citizens are members of a single-language minority group and do not “speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process” and if the rate of those citizens who have not completed the fifth grade is higher than the national rate of voting age citizens who have not completed the fifth grade. When a state is covered for a particular language minority group, an exception is made for any political subdivision in which less than five (5) percent of the voting age citizens are members of the minority group and are limited in English proficiency, unless the political subdivision is covered independently. A political subdivision is also covered if more than 10,000 of the voting age citizens are members of a single-language minority group, do not “speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process,” and the rate of those citizens who have not completed the fifth grade is higher than the national rate of voting age citizens who have not completed the fifth grade.

Finally, if more than five (5) percent of the American Indian or Alaska Native voting age citizens residing within an American Indian Reservations (and off-reservation trust lands) are members of a single language minority group, do not “speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in

the electoral process,” and the rate of those citizens who have not completed the fifth grade is higher than the national rate of voting age citizens who have not completed the fifth grade, any political subdivision, such as a county, which contains all or any part of that Indian reservation, is covered by the minority language assistance provision set forth in Section 203. An American Indian Reservation is defined as any area that is an American Indian or Alaska Native area identified for purposes of the decennial census. For the 2010 Census, these areas were identified by the federally recognized tribal governments, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and state governments. The Census Bureau worked with American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives to identify statistical areas, such as Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas (OTSA), State Designated Tribal Statistical Areas (SDTSA), and Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas (ANVSA).

Pursuant to Section 203, the Census Bureau Director has the responsibility to determine which states and political subdivisions are subject to the minority language assistance provisions of Section 203. The state and political subdivisions obligated to comply with the requirements are listed in the attachment to this Notice.

Section 203 also provides that the “determinations of the Director of the Census under this subsection shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register and shall not be subject to review in any court.” Therefore, as of this date, those jurisdictions that are listed as covered by Section 203 have legal obligation to provide the minority language assistance prescribed in Section 203 of the Act. In the cases, where a state is covered, those counties or county equivalents not displayed in the attachment are exempt from the obligation. Those jurisdictions subject to Section 203 of the Act previously, but not included on the list below, are no longer obligated to comply with Section 203. The

previous determinations under Section 4(f)(4) of the Voting Rights Act remain in effect and are unaffected by this determination. (See Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 55, Appendix (2010)).

October 5, 2011

Date

Robert M. Groves
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Bureau of the Census

COVERED AREAS FOR VOTING RIGHTS BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS—2010

State and political subdivision	Language Minority Group
Alaska:	
Aleutians East Borough.....	Asian (Filipino)
Aleutians East Borough.....	Hispanic
Aleutians West Census Area.....	Asian (Filipino)
Bethel Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Inupiat)
Bethel Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Yup'ik)
Dillingham Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Yup'ik)
Nome Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Inupiat)
Nome Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Yup'ik)
North Slope Borough.....	Alaska Native Tribe - Tribe not Specified
North Slope Borough.....	Alaska Native (Inupiat)
Northwest Arctic Borough.....	Alaska Native (Inupiat)
Wade Hampton Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Inupiat)
Wade Hampton Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Yup'ik)
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area.....	Alaska Native (Alaskan Athabascan)
Arizona:	
Apache County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Apache County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Coconino County.....	American Indian (Hopi)
Coconino County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Coconino County.....	American Indian (Yuma)
Maricopa County.....	American Indian (Tohono O'Odham)
Maricopa County.....	Hispanic
Mohave County.....	American Indian (Yuma)
Navajo County.....	American Indian (Hopi)
Navajo County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Pima County.....	American Indian (Tohono O'Odham)
Pima County.....	American Indian (Yaqui)
Pima County.....	Hispanic
Pinal County.....	American Indian (Tohono O'Odham)
Santa Cruz County.....	Hispanic
Yavapai County.....	American Indian (Yuma)
Yuma County.....	American Indian (Yuma)
Yuma County.....	Hispanic
California:	
State Coverage.....	Hispanic
Alameda County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Alameda County.....	Asian (Filipino)
Alameda County.....	Hispanic

Alameda County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Colusa County.....	Hispanic
Contra Costa County.....	Hispanic
Fresno County.....	Hispanic
Glenn County.....	Hispanic
Imperial County.....	Hispanic
Kern County.....	Hispanic
Kings County.....	Hispanic
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Asian Indian)
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Filipino)
Los Angeles County.....	Hispanic
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Japanese)
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Korean)
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Other Asian - Not specified)
Los Angeles County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Madera County.....	Hispanic
Merced County.....	Hispanic
Monterey County.....	Hispanic
Napa County.....	Hispanic
Orange County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Orange County.....	Hispanic
Orange County.....	Asian (Korean)
Orange County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Riverside County.....	Hispanic
Sacramento County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Sacramento County.....	Hispanic
San Benito County.....	Hispanic
San Bernardino County.....	Hispanic
San Diego County.....	Asian (Chinese)
San Diego County.....	Asian (Filipino)
San Diego County.....	Hispanic
San Diego County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
San Francisco County.....	Asian (Chinese)
San Francisco County.....	Hispanic
San Joaquin County.....	Hispanic
San Mateo County.....	Asian (Chinese)
San Mateo County.....	Hispanic
Santa Barbara County.....	Hispanic
Santa Clara County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Santa Clara County.....	Asian (Filipino)

Santa Clara County.....	Hispanic
Santa Clara County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Stanislaus County.....	Hispanic
Tulare County.....	Hispanic
Ventura County.....	Hispanic
Colorado:	
Costilla County.....	Hispanic
Denver County.....	Hispanic
Rio Grande County.....	Hispanic
Connecticut:	
Bridgeport town.....	Hispanic
East Hartford town.....	Hispanic
Hartford town.....	Hispanic
Meriden town.....	Hispanic
New Britain town.....	Hispanic
New Haven town.....	Hispanic
New London town.....	Hispanic
Waterbury town.....	Hispanic
Windham town.....	Hispanic
Florida:	
State Coverage.....	Hispanic
Broward County.....	Hispanic
Hardee County.....	Hispanic
Hendry County.....	Hispanic
Hillsborough County.....	Hispanic
Lee County.....	Hispanic
Miami-Dade County.....	Hispanic
Orange County.....	Hispanic
Osceola County.....	Hispanic
Palm Beach County.....	Hispanic
Polk County.....	Hispanic
Hawaii:	
Honolulu County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Honolulu County.....	Asian (Filipino)
Honolulu County.....	Asian (Japanese)
Maui County.....	Asian (Filipino)
Illinois:	
Cook County.....	Asian (Asian Indian)
Cook County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Cook County.....	Hispanic
DuPage County.....	Hispanic
Kane County.....	Hispanic

Lake County.....	Hispanic
Kansas:	
Finney County.....	Hispanic
Ford County.....	Hispanic
Grant County.....	Hispanic
Seward County.....	Hispanic
Maryland:	
Montgomery County.....	Hispanic
Massachusetts:	
Boston city.....	Hispanic
Chelsea city.....	Hispanic
Fitchburg city.....	Hispanic
Holyoke city.....	Hispanic
Lawrence city.....	Hispanic
Lowell city.....	Hispanic
Lynn city.....	Hispanic
Quincy city.....	Asian (Chinese)
Revere city.....	Hispanic
Southbridge town.....	Hispanic
Springfield city.....	Hispanic
Worcester city.....	Hispanic
Michigan:	
Clyde township ¹	Hispanic
Hamtramck city.....	Asian (Bangladeshi)
Hartford city.....	Hispanic
Mississippi:	
Attala County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Jackson County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Jones County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Kemper County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Leake County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Neshoba County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Newton County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Noxubee County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Scott County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Winston County.....	American Indian (Choctaw)
Nebraska:	
Colfax County.....	Hispanic
Dakota County.....	Hispanic
Dawson County.....	Hispanic

¹ Clyde Township in Allegan County

Nevada:	
Clark County.....	Asian (Filipino)
Clark County.....	Hispanic
New Jersey:	
Bergen County.....	Hispanic
Bergen County.....	Asian (Korean)
Camden County.....	Hispanic
Cumberland County.....	Hispanic
Essex County.....	Hispanic
Hudson County.....	Hispanic
Middlesex County.....	Hispanic
Passaic County.....	Hispanic
Union County.....	Hispanic
New Mexico:	
Bernalillo County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Bernalillo County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Bernalillo County.....	Hispanic
Catron County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Chaves County.....	Hispanic
Cibola County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Cibola County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Doña Ana County.....	Hispanic
Eddy County.....	Hispanic
Grant County.....	Hispanic
Guadalupe County.....	Hispanic
Harding County.....	Hispanic
Hidalgo County.....	Hispanic
Lea County.....	Hispanic
Luna County.....	Hispanic
McKinley County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
McKinley County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Mora County.....	Hispanic
Rio Arriba County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Rio Arriba County.....	Hispanic
San Juan County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
San Miguel County.....	Hispanic
Sandoval County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Sandoval County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Santa Fe County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Socorro County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Socorro County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)

Socorro County.....	Hispanic
Taos County.....	Hispanic
Valencia County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
Valencia County.....	Hispanic
New York:	
Bronx County.....	Hispanic
Kings County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Kings County.....	Hispanic
Nassau County.....	Hispanic
New York County.....	Asian (Chinese)
New York County.....	Hispanic
Queens County.....	Asian (Asian Indian)
Queens County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Queens County.....	Hispanic
Queens County.....	Asian (Korean)
Suffolk County.....	Hispanic
Westchester County.....	Hispanic
Pennsylvania:	
Berks County.....	Hispanic
Lehigh County.....	Hispanic
Philadelphia County.....	Hispanic
Rhode Island:	
Central Falls city.....	Hispanic
Pawtucket city.....	Hispanic
Providence city.....	Hispanic
Texas:	
State Coverage.....	Hispanic
Andrews County.....	Hispanic
Atascosa County.....	Hispanic
Bailey County.....	Hispanic
Bee County.....	Hispanic
Bexar County.....	Hispanic
Brewster County.....	Hispanic
Brooks County.....	Hispanic
Caldwell County.....	Hispanic
Calhoun County.....	Hispanic
Cameron County.....	Hispanic
Castro County.....	Hispanic
Cochran County.....	Hispanic
Concho County.....	Hispanic
Crane County.....	Hispanic
Crockett County.....	Hispanic

Crosby County.....	Hispanic
Culberson County.....	Hispanic
Dallas County.....	Hispanic
Dawson County.....	Hispanic
Deaf Smith County.....	Hispanic
Dimmit County.....	Hispanic
Duval County.....	Hispanic
Ector County.....	Hispanic
Edwards County.....	Hispanic
El Paso County.....	American Indian (Pueblo)
El Paso County.....	Hispanic
Floyd County.....	Hispanic
Fort Bend County.....	Hispanic
Frio County.....	Hispanic
Gaines County.....	Hispanic
Garza County.....	Hispanic
Glasscock County.....	Hispanic
Gonzales County.....	Hispanic
Guadalupe County.....	Hispanic
Hale County.....	Hispanic
Hansford County.....	Hispanic
Harris County.....	Asian (Chinese)
Harris County.....	Hispanic
Harris County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Hidalgo County.....	Hispanic
Hockley County.....	Hispanic
Hudspeth County.....	Hispanic
Jim Hogg County.....	Hispanic
Jim Wells County.....	Hispanic
Karnes County.....	Hispanic
Kenedy County.....	Hispanic
Kinney County.....	Hispanic
Kleberg County.....	Hispanic
La Salle County.....	Hispanic
Lamb County.....	Hispanic
Live Oak County.....	Hispanic
Lynn County.....	Hispanic
Martin County.....	Hispanic
Maverick County.....	American Indian (Kickapoo)
Maverick County.....	Hispanic
Medina County.....	Hispanic

Midland County.....	Hispanic
Mitchell County.....	Hispanic
Moore County.....	Hispanic
Nolan County.....	Hispanic
Nueces County.....	Hispanic
Ochiltree County.....	Hispanic
Parmer County.....	Hispanic
Pecos County.....	Hispanic
Presidio County.....	Hispanic
Reagan County.....	Hispanic
Reeves County.....	Hispanic
Refugio County.....	Hispanic
Runnels County.....	Hispanic
San Patricio County.....	Hispanic
San Saba County.....	Hispanic
Schleicher County.....	Hispanic
Scurry County.....	Hispanic
Sherman County.....	Hispanic
Starr County.....	Hispanic
Sutton County.....	Hispanic
Swisher County.....	Hispanic
Tarrant County.....	Hispanic
Terrell County.....	Hispanic
Terry County.....	Hispanic
Titus County.....	Hispanic
Travis County.....	Hispanic
Upton County.....	Hispanic
Uvalde County.....	Hispanic
Val Verde County.....	Hispanic
Ward County.....	Hispanic
Webb County.....	Hispanic
Willacy County.....	Hispanic
Wilson County.....	Hispanic
Winkler County.....	Hispanic
Yoakum County.....	Hispanic
Zapata County.....	Hispanic
Zavala County.....	Hispanic
Utah:	
Salt Lake County.....	Hispanic
San Juan County.....	American Indian (Navajo)
Virginia:	

Fairfax County.....	Hispanic
Washington:	
Adams County.....	Hispanic
Franklin County.....	Hispanic
King County.....	Asian (Chinese)
King County.....	Asian (Vietnamese)
Yakima County.....	Hispanic
Wisconsin:	
Milwaukee city.....	Hispanic

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