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PRESS RELEASE REDISTRICTING PLAN SUBMITTED

(Columbia) – The Congressional redistricting plan approved by the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Senate at the end of the 2011 legislative session has been submitted to the United States Department of Justice for review and administrative approval. The new redistricting plan, enacted as Act No. 75 of 2011 (H. 3992, R. 111) and signed by the Governor on August 1, 2011, impacts all six of the state’s current districts for the United States House of Representatives, and creates a new seventh district in accordance with the nationwide reapportionment of the Congressional House seats.

Because federal law requires that new Congressional Districts must be reviewed by the Department of Justice and administratively approved prior to their being implemented or enforced, this submission, which details the process by which the redistricting plan was enacted, has been made to the Department of Justice in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Part 51. In addition, judicial approval for the redistricting plan is being sought simultaneously through the filing of a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking a declaration that the redistricting plan conforms to the requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

A complete duplicate copy of the submission, including documents, data, maps, and magnetic media, is available for public inspection at the offices of the South Carolina House Judiciary Committee, State House Complex, Room 512 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and on the South Carolina House of Representatives website found at <http://redistricting.schouse.gov>. A copy of the submission is also available for public inspection at the offices of the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee, State House Complex, Room 101 of the Gressette Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and on the South Carolina Senate’s Redistricting website found at <http://redistricting.scsenate.gov>. Citizens may review the submission and send any comments regarding the documents to the U.S. Attorney General’s office at vot1973c@usdoj.gov or at the following address:

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Comments should be identified in the subject line, or, if applicable, marked on the first page and on the envelope with the notation “Comment under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.”

If you have any questions regarding the submission, please contact Patrick G. Dennis, Chief Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee, at (803) 734-3120, or Debbie Hammond, Staff Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, at (803) 212-6625. Upon reasonable notice and during business hours, arrangements will be made for access to the documentation. Copies of documents, maps, or disks will be made upon request for the cost of duplication. Copies of these documents may also be downloaded from the South Carolina House of Representatives Redistricting website found at <http://redistricting.schouse.gov>, or from the South Carolina Senate Redistricting website found at <http://redistricting.scsenate.gov>.

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