

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT & RECOVERY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**October 18-19, 2012**

**OFFICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP**

07. Approval of determination that the three school districts in any Mississippi county that were under conservatorship as defined by the Mississippi Department of Education as of February 8, 2012 and applicable to the provisions of Senate Bill 2330, 2012 Legislative Session are Sunflower County School District, Drew School District, and Indianola School District

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



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Civil Rights Division

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Dear Ms. Meeks:

This refers to Chapter No. 441 (S. B. 2330) (2012), which provides for the consolidation of the Sunflower County, Drew, and Indianola School Districts, specifies the method of electing the county board of education and the number of board members, provides the districting and redistricting procedures, establishes the referendum requirement, and provides for candidate qualifications; and the temporary appointment of a conservator for the temporarily merged Sunflower County and Drew School Districts and for the Indianola School District in Sunflower County, Mississippi, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submissions on July 13 and 30, 2012; additional information was received on August 6, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Chapter No. 441 includes provisions that are enabling in nature. Therefore, any changes affecting voting that are adopted pursuant to this legislation will be subject to Section 5 review. 28 C.F.R. 51.15.

Sincerely,

T. Christian Herren, Jr.  
Chief, Voting Section

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