

Saving The Voting Rights ACT

*A Supreme Court case in the state of Louisiana today,
affecting every state tomorrow.*

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October 15, 2024...A momentous day in history

The discrimination against African Americans may not be any more dangerous than in the institutionalized, systemic practice of redrawing maps in order to dilute the voting power of our people. On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments regarding Louisiana v. Callais. The case involves the fight to protect Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), which prohibits the redrawing of district maps that do not represent the diversity of a community.

The redistricting of maps in Louisiana led to lawsuits in that state under the VRA, which ultimately created a second majority-Black Congressional District for Louisiana. Now, majority-white political strategists want to remove this safeguard from the VRA. If successful, the decision will make it virtually impossible to bring redistricting lawsuits of this kind in the future.

On the 60th Anniversary of the VRA, there could be no better time than now, for the Black Church to speak out. We must remain diligent in educating ourselves and responding to the call for action. Here is what we can do:

- I. **ORGANIZE** – through information sharing; prepare your group, club or organization to inform the community about the case; use reader-friendly media to spread the word.
- II. **ORGANIZE** – through peaceful protest; travel to DC if possible and be visible at the U.S. Supreme Court advocating for the VRA and supporting our attorneys. Or stage your own publicized local protests.
- III. **ORGANIZE** – through prayer; pray for the attorneys who will argue before the Court on our behalf; join us on Wednesday October 15 as we call for a Day of Prayer and Fasting. *From the dawning hours of your day until 12 noon, pray and fast that God will lead us to victory.*

Do not take it lightly; this case is brought from individuals in LA, but the decision will affect the voting rights of every one of us.