THE RACE FOR VOTING RIGHTS

JULY, 2004
State Senator Obama delivers keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.

NOVEMBER 4, 2008
Obama is elected the first black President of the United States.

2011
A record number of restrictions to voting are introduced in state legislatures nationwide.

JUNE 25, 2013
In the *Shelby County v. Holder* decision, the Supreme Court renders Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act ineffective.

JANUARY 16, 2014
A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduce the Voting Rights Amendment Act to counteract the discriminatory effects of Shelby.

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

2006
Congress extends Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for an additional 25 years, with a 98-0 Senate vote.

2010-2013
Since 2010 alone, the Department of Justice finds 19 violations of VRA Section 5 in voting laws in Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

2013
Many states reintroduce restrictive measures that previously had been disallowed as a result of the Voting Rights Act preclearance process.