

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

Jackson Lee Amendment #1

Page 46, Line 5, insert at end of sentence: “(3) by inserting and performing all other conforming changes

‘; (2) The Attorney General or any aggrieved citizen may institute an action in a district court of the United States for a restraining order, a preliminary or permanent injunction, or such other order as may be appropriate where: (i) a state legislature has issued a warrant or other instrument commanding the detention, confinement, or other restriction of a duly elected representative of a constituency to compel such elected representative to participate in the state’s legislative process, and (ii) such elected representative reasonably believes that participation in the state’s legislative process would (A) deny any citizen the right to vote in violation of the 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, or 26th Amendments, (B) would violate this Act or any other Federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group in the voting process, or (C) would otherwise constitute a violation of the Constitution of the United States of America; and’

‘(3) It is the Sense of the Congress that a state’s power to arrest a duly elected representative of a constituency for refusal to engage in a state’s legislative process should be subject to federal judicial review where such elected representative’s refusal is premised upon a reasonable belief that participation would result in the suppression of voting rights or other violations of the Constitution of the United States of America.’”