

# EXHIBIT D

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
By Dean G. Skelos, in his official capacity as  
Temporary President of the New York State  
Senate,  
Legislative Office Building, Room 909  
Albany, NY 12247,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia  
Civil Division  
4th Floor  
501 Third Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

and

ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., in his official  
capacity as Attorney General of the United  
States  
Office of General Counsel  
Justice Management Division  
Department of Justice  
145 N. Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 12-413  
(RBW-JWR- RJL)

**ORDER**

The plaintiff filed this action on March 16, 2012, requesting a declaratory judgment in its favor pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c (2006) (“Section 5”).

The plaintiff asserts that “[i]n order to preserve the existing election calendar, it is essential that” the merits of the case be considered “prior to, or shortly after, the opening of the candidate

qualifying period,” which is scheduled to take occur from “June 5, 2012 through July 12, 2012.”

Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, As Amended, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c, and Request for Three-Judge Court ¶ 34. The Court agrees with the plaintiff that the resolution of this matter must be expedited and accordingly, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the government shall respond to the Complaint by April 13, 2012.

**SO ORDERED** this 30th day of March, 2012.

REGGIE B. WALTON  
United States District Judge