required by the 1965 Voting Rights Act, despite attempts by Georgia Republicans to keep the state from federal oversight.

Georgia Democrats opposed the measure, arguing it would lead to voting discrimination against blacks. They also contended that the state's evidence that Georgia's section 5 covered voting discrimination laws are not applied by federal courts, and that the department had approved the voter ID law even though state attorneys

A Justice Department spokesperson, Eric Holder, on Thursday said the memo was only a draft that did not include data and analysis from a Justice Department study of voter ID requirements.

However, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in August approved the law. Last month, a judge suspended the portion on voter ID requirements.

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Justice Department officials said the department did not conduct any statistical analyses of the effect of the photo ID requirement on minority voters.

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On November 16, 2005, Bob Komer, Special Assistant to the Governor, submitted a report to the director of the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, which was posted on the Georgia Secretary of State's website. The report includes a copy of the memo released by the Justice Department Monday, which makes it clear that the department will require the state to prove that the photo ID requirement does not have a discriminatory effect.

The report also states that the photo ID requirement does not have a discriminatory effect.

Voter ID memo site tension

Sponsor of displaced Georgia legislation told reads that blacks in her district only vote if they are paid

According to the report, the only groups that are affected by the photo ID requirement are those that do not have the necessary documents to prove their identity, such as young voters, the elderly, and people who have moved recently. The report also states that the state has not provided enough resources to help those groups obtain the necessary documents.

The report concludes that the photo ID requirement is discriminatory and violates the Voting Rights Act.
Neither statement is correct, the memo concludes.

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because Gov. Sonny Perdue has passed legislation to mandate a [state Department of Driver Services] office in every county and that
The memo also states that in defending the Georgia law, Bumiller claimed the voter IDs would not be as difficult to obtain as critics claim

"That is racist. We said, "I think the African-American community deserves an apology," State Rep. Tyrone Brooks (D-Alpharetta) called Bumiller's claim, "reprehensible demagoguery."

"It is unbelievable that any elected official would say something like this. It doesn't have any merit," Lewis said. "This is an attempt to every

Reps. John Lewis, an Atlanta Democrat and veteran of the civil rights movement, derided Bumiller's remarks.

"Sure, they are saying those exact words," Bumiller said Thursday, the memo's release date, which she said was more accurate than not, "but added: "They sounds pretty harsh. I

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