WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today reacted to the Supreme Court's ruling on the Voting Rights Act (Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. One v. Holder). The Court ruled that a Texas utility district could get out from under current regulation when making election-related changes, but the Court did not decide on the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act.

"When Congress initially passed the Voting Rights Act, it never intended to place strict limitations on the bail out provisions of Section 5. Rather than provide jurisdictions that have no history of discrimination with the ability to bail out, the Department of Justice has only allowed 17 out of over 12,000 jurisdictions to bail out of coverage.

"As the justices unanimously noted, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act raises serious constitutional concerns. It is clear that Section 5 injects unconstitutional principles like race-based districts into our electoral process."