

AG Holder: Current Voting Access Not Sufficient For Certain Ethnicities

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder is recommending ways to increase voting access for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The goal of the plan is to require state and local election officials to place at least one polling site in a location chosen by tribal governments in parts of the nation that include tribal lands. Holder says the Justice Department will begin consulting with tribal authorities about the concept. He says after that, his office will seek to work with Congress on a potential proposal.

Associate Attorney General Tony West will discuss the announcement later Monday in Anchorage, Alaska, in a speech to the National Congress of American Indians.

Holder says the plan is necessary to address reduced voting access among tribes because of factors including English-only ballots and inaccessible polling places.