

Assembly Bill 420 (Davis)

Redistricting

ISSUE

With each redistricting cycle, the need arises to obtain an accurate population count for all districts which will elect state representatives. Currently, inmates incarcerated in California correctional facilities are counted wherever they are located, rather than based on their last known residence, for redistricting purposes. This practice has the effect of improperly inflating the population count in some districts, and carries with it the risk of affecting the redrawing of district lines.

EXISTING LAW

Elections Code 2025 provides that a person does not gain or lose a domicile by reason of his or her presence or absence from a place while kept in a state prison. This section controls the establishment of a person's domicile for voting purposes.

THIS BILL

AB 420 would change the method of the population count for redistricting purposes to make it consistent with Elections Code 2025. It would require the Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation to submit to the Commission on Redistricting, last known residence information for inmates incarcerated in California correctional facilities. Inmates whose last known residence is outside California would be excluded. While there will be no requirement that the Commission act on the information, there will be an expectation that the data provided will be factored into the redrawing of district lines.

RECENT LEGISLATION

There is no recent legislation on the issue of how inmates are counted for redistricting purposes.

SUPPORT

- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- MALDEF
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO
- California League of Women Voters
- African-American Redistricting Collaborative
- Latino Coalition of Los Angeles
- California Association of Black Pastors
- California Common Cause
- Advancement Project
- California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
- SEIU California

- American Civil Liberties Union
- Greenlining Institute
- Los Angeles NAACP
- Greater Sacramento Urban League
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Friends Committee on Legislation
- Prison Policy Initiative
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- California Coalition for Women Prisoners
- Sacramento NAACP
- Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP
- New Prospect Baptist Church
- California Black Chamber
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee
- People Who Care Youth Center
- Homies Unidos
- Play Us Music, LLC
- Los Angeles Urban League
- The Positive Results Corporation
- Visiting Angels
- Drug Policy Alliance
- 2nd Call
- Ory Ibarra (private individual)
- Salvadoran Business Corridor
- Hispanic United Brotherhood USA
- Araceli Mejia (private individual)
- Second African Methodist Episcopal Church
- SEIU – United Long Term Care Workers Union
- Los Angeles African American Women Political Action Committee
- Living Advantage, Inc.
- Leonard Potash (private individual)
- SuiteEvents.com
- United States Veterans Initiative
- John & Susie Frierson (private individuals)
- Jade Family Services
- Ward Economic Development Corporation

- West Angeles Community Development Corporation
- Opportunities Unlimited Charter High School
- Save Our Future
- Big Money Griff.net
- The Wiley Center for Speech and Language Development
- Special Needs Network, Inc.
- Salvadoran Community of La Placita
- Taylor Family Foundation
- Community Consulting Services
- Caveman Kitchen
- American Salvadoran Foundation of Children with Cancer
- Rauch Christian Community Fellowship
- Community Coalition
- Black Probation Officers Association
- A New Way of Life Re-entry Project
- African Methodist Episcopal Church, 5th District
- South County Labor – Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Jennifer Deuson (private individual)
- Dr. Deborah LeBlanc, Vice President, Board of Trustees, Compton Community College District , Area 4
- Asian Law Alliance
- Hispanic National Bar Association
- Rebuild Crenshaw Arts Committee
- Ironworkers Local 433 (Industry, CA)
- James A. Foshay Learning Center (LAUSD)
- Neil Rubenstein (private individual)
- City of Oakland, Youth Commission
- California Public Defenders Association
- Laborers' Local 777
- California Nurses Association
- City of Pasadena
- Mexican Chamber of Commerce in California
- Think Like a Leader Not a Follower

OPPOSITION

None on File

STATUS

Passed Assembly 45 -32
Pending in Senate Elections & Constitutional
Amendments

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