

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 1, 2002

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2923**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Pescetti**

February 25, 2002

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An act to add Section 421.9 to the Government Code, relating to the official state fruit.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2923, as amended, Pescetti. Official state fruit: Zinfandel grape.

Existing law does not designate an official state fruit.

This bill would designate the Zinfandel grape as the official state fruit.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) The Zinfandel grape is an exotic grape variety of possible  
4 European origin that is grown primarily in California, *which is the*  
5 *largest producer of Zinfandel in the world.*

6 (b) Zinfandel grape products are used in products as diverse as  
7 jams, pasta sauce, and wine.

8 ~~(c) The Zinfandel grape is the mostly widely planted red grape~~  
9 ~~in California.~~

1 (c) *California crushes more Zinfandel than any other red*  
2 *grape.*

3 (d) The Zinfandel grape was first planted in California in the  
4 19th century, and vines in the Sierra Nevada foothills that are at  
5 least 125 years old are still producing grapes.

6 (e) Zinfandel grape growing was an important part of the Gold  
7 Rush of 1849 and the agricultural growth of the West.

8 (f) The Zinfandel grape is an embodiment of the settlement and  
9 agricultural civilization of the West.

10 SEC. 2. Section 421.9 is added to the Government Code, to  
11 read:

12 421.9. The Zinfandel grape is the official state fruit.

