

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2692

Introduced by Committee on Elections and Redistricting (Fong (Chair), Donnelly (Vice Chair), Bonilla, Hall, Logue, Mendoza, and Swanson)

March 14, 2012

An act to amend Sections 12222 and 21000 of, to add Sections 21141 and 21305 to, and to repeal Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21200) of, and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of, Division 21 of, the Elections Code, relating to electoral districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2692, as introduced, Committee on Elections and Redistricting. Electoral districts and precincts.

Existing law requires the local elections official to divide the jurisdiction into election precincts. The elections official is required to establish precinct boundaries so that they do not cross census tract or enumeration district lines, to the extent possible without subjecting the voter to significant inconvenience.

This bill would repeal the requirement that precinct boundaries not cross census tract or enumeration district lines. The bill would also delete a provision of law requiring each precinct to be identified according to the census tract or enumeration district in which it is located.

Existing law establishes the boundaries of Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and congressional districts based on the 2000 national census.

This bill would repeal, effective January 1, 2013, those provisions establishing Assembly and congressional districts, and would further

repeal, effective January 1, 2015, those provisions establishing Senate and State Board of Equalization districts.

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. Section 12222 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 12222. (a) No precinct shall be established so that its boundary
4 crosses the boundary of any supervisorial district, congressional
5 district, senatorial district, Assembly district, board of equalization
6 district, judicial district, incorporated city, ward, or city council
7 district. ~~To the extent possible, without subjecting the voter to~~
8 ~~significant inconvenience, precinct boundaries should not cross~~
9 ~~census tract or enumeration district lines.~~

10 (b) If, at any election, any precinct contains an insufficient
11 number of qualified persons to make up a precinct board, the
12 precinct may be consolidated with an adjoining precinct.

13 SEC. 2. Section 21000 of the Elections Code is amended to
14 read:

15 21000. The county elections official in each county shall
16 compile and make available to the Legislature or any appropriate
17 committee of the Legislature any information and statistics that
18 may be necessary for use in connection with the reapportionment
19 of legislative districts, including, but not limited to, precinct maps
20 indicating the boundaries of municipalities, school districts, judicial
21 districts, Assembly districts, senatorial districts and congressional
22 districts, lists showing the election returns for each precinct, and
23 election returns for each precinct reflecting the vote total for all
24 ballots cast, including both vote by mail ballots and ballots cast at
25 polling places, compiled pursuant to ~~subdivision (a) of~~ Section
26 15321 in the county at each statewide election. If the county
27 elections official stores the information and statistics in
28 data-processing files, he or she shall make the files available, along
29 with whatever documentation shall be necessary in order to allow
30 the use of the files by the appropriate committee of the Legislature
31 and shall retain these files until the next reapportionment has been
32 completed.

1 Each precinct shall be identified according to the census tract
 2 or enumeration district in which it is located. When a precinct is
 3 divided among two or more census tracts or enumeration districts,
 4 the county elections official shall include an estimate of the
 5 proportion of the precinct's registered voters in each census tract
 6 or enumeration district. If the United States Census Bureau divides
 7 or alters any census tract or enumeration district between the time
 8 of an election and the census upon which the reapportionment is
 9 based, the county elections official shall provide whatever
 10 corrections or additional information may be necessary to reflect
 11 those changes.

12 SEC. 3. Section 21141 is added to the Elections Code, to read:
 13 21141. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
 14 1, 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
 15 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends
 16 that date.

17 SEC. 4. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21200) of
 18 Division 21 of the Elections Code is repealed.

19 SEC. 5. Section 21305 is added to the Elections Code, to read:
 20 21305. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
 21 1, 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
 22 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends
 23 that date.

24 SEC. 6. Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of
 25 Division 21 of the Elections Code is repealed.

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 28 **CORRECTIONS:**
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