

Senate Bill 782

Gubernatorial Boards & Commissions



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THIS BILL

SB 782 requires the Governor's Office, on or before January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, to report the aggregate demographic information of individuals appointed by the Governor. The bill requires the report to be published on the Governor's website.

The bill also requires the Governor's office to maintain an updated website with information on all state boards and commissions, including vacancies, current membership list, and frequency of meetings.

"Demographic information" includes, but is not limited to, the voluntarily self-reported ethnicity, gender, disability status, region, party, affiliation, and veteran status of the appointed individual.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, Illinois enacted the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act to provide transparency in statewide appointments as it relates to race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The annual reportⁱ has been a critical tool in ensuring stakeholder perspective in state government is diverse and reflective of the communities served.

The Judicial Council collects and releases aggregate demographic data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran and disability status of state court justices and judges. (Gov. Code § 12011.5(n))

California has an expressed commitment in ensuring state boards and commissions are diverse and reflective of the state, yet no formal mechanisms exist to evaluate this for Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Appointees. (Gov. Code § 11140)

PURPOSE

To ensure California leadership reflects its greater population, the collection of gubernatorial appointee demographic data is a critical step to

achieving gender and geographic equity on boards and commissions.

The annual report will serve as a tool to shed light where gaps in representation exist, encourage outreach to communities of interest, and address any system barriers. Increasing the diversity of California's board and commission members will ensure we reflect the rich diversity of California's population, creating a stronger state, and more equitable communities.

SUPPORT

Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)
(co-sponsor)

Ca Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
(co-sponsor)

AAPI Equity Alliance

Alliance for a Better Community

API Equality LA

Asian Law Alliance

Black women Organized for Political Action

California Community Builders

California #insulin4all

Center for Asian Americans United for Self
Empowerment

CHIRLA

Chicana Latina Foundation

Close the Gap California

Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice

Courage California

Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley

Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley

Latino Donor Collaborative

LEAP

MAAC

MANA de San Diego

National Women's Political Caucus of California

She the People

The Campaign for College Opportunity

The Unity Council

UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute

United for Justice Inc.

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OPPOSITION

None on File.

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ⁱ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/bar/Documents/2020%20Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Act%20Report%2010.1.2020.pdf>

