



SB 1414 (Reyes): San Bernardino County Independent Redistricting Commission

SUMMARY

SB 1414 will help provide fair and equitable boundaries for San Bernardino County's supervisorial districts by establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the people of California overwhelmingly supported the creation of a statewide Citizens Redistricting Commission with the approval of Proposition 11.

In 2016, the state passed SB 1108 (Allen) which permits counties to establish their own redistricting commissions. However, if a county does not use such commissions, the incumbent county supervisors create their own district maps. This enables supervisors to draw boundaries that prioritize their reelection, instead of guaranteeing fair and equitable representation for their constituents.

Gerrymandering continues to silence underrepresented communities and weakens our democracy. It is imperative that the district maps are reflective of the population they represent and are created through a neutral process. This neutrality and equity can be assured through the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission.

THIS BILL

SB 1414 will require the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission in the County of San Bernardino which will create fair and equitable supervisorial maps.

The proposed selection process excludes people from serving on the commission who are likely to have a conflict of interest. This bill mirrors provisions in recent legislation, ensuring the most effective county independent redistricting commission model.

SB 1414 will empower the over 2.2 million people of San Bernardino County to reclaim their voting rights and strengthen our democracy.

SUPPORT

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Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
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