

Sacramento (2009/03/03)

M/Chair,

I am Jim Wright, a voter from San Jose.

The act provides a process for selection of the pool of 60 (20, 20, 20).

The legislatures' four (4) leaders may strike each two (2) each from each sub-pool (8, 8, 8). This reduces those sub-pools to as few as 12 each and a total of no less than 36 candidates remain.

The next step is to randomly select the initial 8 (3, 3, 2) as commissioners. Those commissioners select the remaining 6 (2, 2, 2) to form the final panel of 14. We're good so far.

There remain at least 22 (7+, 7+, 8+) as unselected from the original 60. These qualified applicants become the source to backfill vacancies on the commission. This seems like a sufficient number, but ... surprises happen!

The final paragraph of 8252.5 (b) contains an interesting statement. To wit:

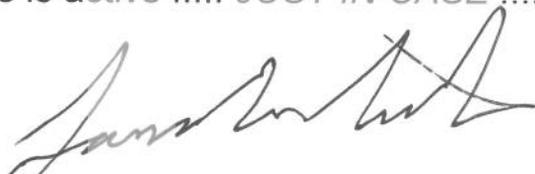
If none of those remaining applicants are available for service, the State Auditor shall fill the vacancy from a new pool created for the same voter registration category in accordance with section 8252.

Would it not be reasonable, while all the selection apparatus is in place and functioning, to create that new pool in each registration category immediately after the 60 have been qualified?

The act provides no mechanism, but there will surely be additional applications remaining..... The Applicant Review Panel will still be available Just continue and create three "Alternates Pools" containing 3, 4 or 5 names each just in case. Their names can even be passed to the legislative leaders for them to strike whomever they may choose (again, the act is silent on this).

These folks may never be called, but it would be a lot simpler to do while the selection process is active *JUST IN CASE*

Thanks,
Jim Wright



Items for the Application: (Sample, this is not a finished product)

All information requested is required unless otherwise noted.

Identity:

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone, Day: _____ Evening: _____

Sex (M/ F)

Age: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Status:

Highest education level attained (HS, BS, MS, PhD) and year: _____

Work (currently employed, self-employed, unemployed, retired)

Current or most recent employment: _____

Student (Y, N)

Voter Registration:

Are you a registered voter in California: (Y, N)

Which County? _____

Party Affiliation (Republican, Democrat, Other)

Have you changed your party registration in the last five (5) years?

(Y, N)

If yes, you are not qualified.

Have you voted in at least two (2) of the most recent three (3) statewide general elections?

(Y, N) Which elections: _____

If no, you are not qualified.

Family:

Within the past 10 years and with respect to yourself and your immediate family [see definition on page 4];

Have You ...

Been appointed to, elected to or a candidate for federal or state office?

(Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Been a candidate for or elected to any partisan office within the state of California?

(Y, N) Details: _____

The Applicant Review Panel may use this information.

Served as an officer, employee or paid consultant of a political party or of the campaign committee (PAC) of a candidate for elective federal or state office?

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Served as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Been a registered federal or local lobbyist

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Served as paid congressional, legislative or Board of Equalization staff

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Contributed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or more to any congressional, state, or local candidate for elective office in any year

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Been staff and consultant to, under a contract with or having an immediate family [see definition on page 4] relationship with the Governor, a Member of the Legislature, a member of Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization (present or in the past 10 years)?

Y, N) Details: _____

If yes, you are not qualified.

Would serving on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission represent a financial hardship for you?

Y, N) Details: _____

Is there any reason that you would not be available for an in-person interview with the Applicant Review Panel. These interviews may occur between August 1, 2010 and October 1, 2010 at a place and time of the Panel's choosing.

Y, N) Details: _____

Is there any reason why you would not be able to devote the necessary time to participate in scheduled meetings of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Meetings will commence following December 31, 2010 and continue through September 15, 2011 on a schedule and at the locations to be determined by Commission members and staff. Nine members constitute a quorum for conducting business, however all Commission members are expected to attend each and every meeting where an official action is to occur (a vote) [See voting rules on page 5]. Additional meetings after September 15, 2011 may be required.

Y, N) Details: _____

Are you able to travel within the state of California for the conduct of Commission meetings?

Y, N Details: _____

Do you have any special needs (mobility, sight, hearing, medical)

Y, N Details: _____

In 100 words or less, please describe why you are a person that the citizens of California want to have serving on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Is there any other information you can supply which you deem useful to the Applicant Review Panel? (100 words or less): (optional)

Today's Date _____

Your Signature _____

This is a legal document. All of the information contained herein will become publically available if this application is accepted for consideration.

Immediate family

Definition

Spouse, parents and grand parents, children and grand children, brothers and sisters, mother in law and father in law, brothers in law and sisters in law, daughters in law and sons in law. Adopted and step members are also included in immediate family. See also first degree relative.

From: <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/immediate-family.html>

For the purposes of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission selection process, “immediate family” includes:

- You
- Your Grandparents, their spouses, their children and spouses
- Your parents and/or adoptive parents
- Your aunts and uncles (siblings of your parents), their spouses, their children (your first cousins) and spouses
- Your siblings, their spouses, their children and spouses
- Your spouse
- Your children, their spouses, their children and spouses

- Grandparents of your spouse, their spouses, their children and spouses
- Parents and/or adoptive parents of your spouse
- Aunts and Uncles of your spouse (siblings of your spouse’s parents), their spouses, their children (your spouse’s first cousins) and spouses
- Siblings of your spouse, their children and spouses
- Children of your spouse, their spouses, their children and spouses

NOTE: The term “spouse” refers to a marriage partner, significant other, or domestic partner.

NOTE: The term “children” refers to both natural and adopted children.

Voting Rules

Definition

A decision of the Commission must consist of the following:

9 affirmative votes

3 from members registered from the largest political party

3 from members registered from the second largest political party

3 from members who are not registered with either of the two largest political parties

Extracted from the text of Proposition 11 (Nov 2008) as enacted in Article XXI, Sec. 3.2 of the California Constitution.

Definition of “Immediate Family” extracted from:

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