

RE: Issue of where to record prisoners for census purposes.

There are three issues as follows:

1. Felons do not and cannot vote (EVER!). Their impact on election results does not exist so where they are counted has no impact on election statistics whether they are incarcerated or not.

This issue is of no concern to the CRC.

2. The boundaries of a voting district are affected by where a prisoner (in city, county, state or federal prison) is counted.

The impact on districts containing state or federal prisons may be significant depending on the relative population of the prison(s) and the proposed district. A large prisoner population relative to that of a district could have the effect of reducing the areal size of that district because of the physically compact nature of the prison facility.

In any other district (where there are no state or federal prisons), the effect will be nominal except in a very small number of assembly districts where a disproportionately large number of their residents are incarcerated for long periods.

Where ... the prisoner will reside upon release is an issue for a future census.

3. Prisoner bodies represent **DOLLARS** to the city and county within which they are counted. This is because the census location of any counted individual affects the portion of state and federal funds distributed to that city and county, etc..

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As a personal note:

Death row and "no parole" prisoners should not be counted anywhere. They have, by their own- actions, removed themselves from our society.

Respectfully,
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