

**§ 60800. Ability to Be Impartial**

(a) “Ability to be impartial” means that although an applicant may have strong views, and may have participated in social or political causes, the applicant has the capacity and willingness, while serving as a member of the commission, to set aside his or her personal views and all of the following considerations in order to evaluate information with an open mind and make decisions that are fair to everyone affected, including, but not limited to, the establishment of legislative and State Board of Equalization districts that are in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (commencing with section 1971 of title 42 of the United States Code), and the criteria set forth in subdivision (d) of section 2 of Article XXI of the California Constitution:

- (1) Personal interests including, but not limited to, personal financial interests.
- (2) Biases for or against any individuals, groups, or geographical areas.
- (3) Support for or opposition to any candidates, political parties, or social or political causes.

(b) An applicant may demonstrate an ability to be impartial through a description of that ability and both of the following:

- (1) Having no personal, family, financial relationships, commitments, or aspirations that a reasonable person would consider likely to improperly influence someone making a redistricting decision.
- (2) Occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experiences that show an ability to set aside his or her personal interests, political opinions, and group allegiances to achieve a broad objective.

[Note: Authority cited: *Section 8546, Government Code*. Reference: *Section 8252, Government Code*.]