

Calif. bill would let candidates live outside district

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Recently introduced state legislation would relax voter registration rules, allowing California legislative candidates to live far outside the district they seek to represent.

The change would let candidates live in one place in the state and register to vote and seek office elsewhere – as long as they “hold property, whether by lease or by title” in the district.

The proposed change, if it had been in effect in 2008, could have spared the political career of former state Sen. Rod Wright, who resigned in September 2014 after a Los Angeles County judge upheld his conviction for lying about where he lived. Wright is barred from running for future political office.

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