
SENATE BILL 5287

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By Senators Darneille and Hunt

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Tribal Relations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring accurate redistricting by counting
2 incarcerated individuals as residents of their last known place of
3 residence; and adding a new section to chapter 44.05 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.05
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) After April 1st of each year ending in zero, and by July 1st
8 of each year ending in zero, the department of corrections shall
9 furnish to the redistricting commission the following information
10 regarding the last known place of residence of each inmate
11 incarcerated in a state adult correctional facility:

12 (a) A unique identifier, other than the inmate's department of
13 corrections number; and

14 (b) Last known place of residence information sufficiently
15 specific to determine the congressional and state legislative
16 districts in which the inmate's last known place of residence is
17 located.

18 (2) After April 1st of each year ending in zero, and by July 1st
19 of each year ending in zero, the department of social and health
20 services shall furnish to the redistricting commission the following
21 information regarding the last known place of residence of each

1 person eighteen years of age or older residing or placed in a
2 juvenile justice facility or involuntary commitment facility:

3 (a) A unique identifier, other than the person's patient
4 identification number; and

5 (b) Last known place of residence information sufficiently
6 specific to determine the congressional and state legislative
7 districts in which the inmate's last known place of residence is
8 located.

9 (3) The department of corrections shall not furnish information
10 for inmates whose last known place of residence is outside of
11 Washington or whose last known place of residence cannot be
12 determined.

13 (4) The department of social and health services shall not
14 furnish information for persons residing or placed in a juvenile
15 justice facility or involuntary commitment facility whose last known
16 place of residence is outside of Washington or whose last known place
17 of residence cannot be determined.

18 (5) The redistricting commission shall:

19 (a) Deem each incarcerated person as residing at his or her last
20 known place of residence, rather than at the institution of his or
21 her incarceration;

22 (b) Regardless of the form in which the information is furnished,
23 refrain from publishing any information regarding a specific inmate's
24 last known place of residence;

25 (c) Deem an inmate in state custody in Washington whose last
26 known place of residence is outside of Washington or whose last known
27 place of residence cannot be determined to reside at an unknown
28 geographical location in the state and exclude the inmate from the
29 population count for any district, ward, or precinct; and

30 (d) Adjust race and ethnicity data in districts, wards, and
31 precincts that contain prisons in a manner that reflects reductions
32 in the local population as inmates are included in the population
33 count of the district, ward, or precinct of their last known place of
34 residence.

35 (6) For purposes of this section:

36 (a) "Inmate incarcerated in a state adult correctional facility"
37 includes an inmate who has been transferred to a facility outside of
38 Washington to complete his or her term of incarceration.

39 (b) "Last known place of residence" means the address at which
40 the inmate was last domiciled prior to his or her current term of

1 incarceration, as determined from the court records of the county in
2 which the inmate was sentenced to his or her current term of
3 incarceration.

4 (c) "Person eighteen years of age or older residing or placed in
5 a juvenile justice facility or involuntary commitment facility"
6 includes a person who has been transferred to a facility outside of
7 Washington.

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