

# Senate Bill 702

Gubernatorial Boards & Commissions



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## THIS BILL

SB 702 requires the Governor’s Office, on or before January 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, to report the aggregate demographic information of individuals appointed by the Governor. The bill requires the report to be published on the Governor’s website.

The bill also requires the Governor’s office to maintain an updated website with information on all state boards and commissions, including vacancies, current membership list, and frequency of meetings.

“Demographic information” means the voluntarily self-reported age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, disability status, race, geographic region, party affiliation, veteran status, and sexual orientation of the appointed individual.

## BACKGROUND

In 2014, Illinois enacted the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act to provide transparency in statewide appointments as it relates to race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The annual report<sup>i</sup> has been a critical tool in ensuring stakeholder perspective in state government is diverse and reflective of the communities served.

The Judicial Council collects and releases aggregate demographic data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran and disability status of state court justices and judges. (Gov. Code § 12011.5(n))

California has an expressed commitment in ensuring state boards and commissions are diverse

<sup>i</sup> <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/bac/Documents/2020%20Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Act%20Report%2010.1.2020.pdf>

and reflective of the state, yet no formal mechanisms exist to evaluate this for Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Appointees. (Gov. Code § 11140)

## PURPOSE

To ensure California leadership reflects its greater population, the collection of gubernatorial appointee demographic data is a critical step to achieving gender, racial, and ethnic equity on boards and commissions.

The annual report will serve as a tool to shed light where gaps in representation exist, encourage outreach to communities of interest, and address any system barriers. Increasing the diversity of California's board and commission members will ensure we reflect the rich diversity of California's population, creating a stronger state, and more equitable communities.

## SUPPORT

Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)  
(Sponsor)

## OPPOSITION

None on File.

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