

2014 ACLU of California Legislation on the Governor's Desk (by issue area)

Criminal Justice Legislation

- **SB 1010 (Mitchell) Crack Cocaine Sentencing Parity**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill corrects the groundless disparity in sentencing, probation, and asset forfeiture guidelines for possession for sale of crack cocaine versus the same crime involving powder cocaine. This bill equalizes the penalties for crack cocaine to the current penalties for powder cocaine.
- **SB 1058 (Leno) Junk Science**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill assures that people who are wrongfully convicted on the basis of junk science can have their conviction reversed when they present evidence that the expert, scientific testimony in their case has been repudiated and recanted by later scientific analysis or research.
- **AB 2492 (Jones-Sawyer) Mandatory Minimum Sentences**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill eliminates the mandatory minimum sentence for the first time conviction of being under the influence of certain controlled substances.
- **AB 885 (Ammiano) Prosecutorial Duty to Disclose Information**
Status: Vetoed by Gov. Brown
This bill would have authorized a court, in any criminal trial or proceeding in which the court has determined that the prosecuting attorney has failed to disclose certain materials and information, to instruct the jury that the failure to disclose has occurred and that the jury shall consider the failure to disclose in determining whether reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt exists.
- **SB 980 (Lieu) Prisoner DNA Testing**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill makes critical reforms to California's post-conviction DNA laws by making post-conviction DNA testing more efficient, effective, and consistently applied, ensuring that wrongful convictions are remedied quickly.

Education Equity

- **AB 420 (Dickinson) Reform of "willful defiance" student suspension provisions**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill amends current law to prohibit districts from suspending students for willful defiance if they are in grades K-3 or expelling students in grades K-12 for willful defiance. This section sunsets on July 1, 2018.
- **SB 1111 (Lara) Involuntary Transfer**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown
This bill would ensure that students being temporarily placed in community schools have a successful transfer to and from those schools.
- **SB 1172 (Steinberg) Student Vision Appraisals**
Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill ensures that schools conduct vision appraisals of students in time to identify visual impairments that could interfere with a student's ability to read and cause the student to fall behind academically.

- **AB 2276 (Bocanegra) Transfers from Juvenile Court Schools**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill ensures youth involved in the juvenile justice system have a successful educational transition when they return to their local schools and creates a process to help promote best practices for this transition.

- **AB 1442 (Gatto) Student Social Media Monitoring**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill requires a school district that considers a program to gather or maintain information obtained from students' social media accounts to notify pupils and their parents or guardians about the proposed program, provide for public comment, allow students to correct or delete inaccurate information, and limits information that may be collected to that which pertains directly to school or student safety.

Immigrants' Rights

- **SB 1310 (Lara) Maximum Misdemeanor Sentence**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill reduces the maximum possible misdemeanor sentence from 365 days to 364 days, conforming California law to federal for and ensuring such sentences do not trigger grounds for automatic deportation.

- **SB 1159 (Lara) Professional Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill will allow undocumented persons to submit a federal taxpayer identification number instead of a social security number in the application for a professional license, ensuring that otherwise eligible individuals can not be denied a license based solely on immigration status.

Privacy

- **AB 1327 (Gorell) Warrant requirement for drones**

Status: Vetoed by Gov. Brown

This bill would have required law enforcement to get a search warrant before using drones, except in emergency situations. This bill would also have prevented public agencies from sharing drone information with law enforcement without a warrant, banned weaponization of drones, put retention limits on drone data, and made drone data available under Public Records Act requests.

- **SB 828 (Lieu) 4th Amendment Act**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill prohibits the state from providing material support, participation, or assistance in response to a request from a federal agency to collect electronically stored information or metadata if the request constitutes an illegal or unconstitutional collection of such information.

Reproductive Justice

- **SB 1094 (Lara) Hospital Mergers**

Status: Vetoed by Gov. Brown

This bill would have strengthened the Attorney General's authority over hospital consolidations to better protect Californians' access to vital reproductive health care.

Voting Rights

- **SB 1365 (Padilla) State Voting Rights Act**

Status: Vetoed by Gov. Brown

This bill would have ensured that all eligible voters enjoy an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice at the local level throughout California by extending the protections of the California Voting Rights Act to single-member district systems as well as at-large systems.

- **AB 1873 (Gonzalez) Special Mail Ballot Elections**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill authorizes San Diego County to conduct a pilot program of all-mailed ballot special elections.

Other Issues

- **AB 194 (Campos) Open Meetings**

Status: Vetoed by Gov. Brown

This bill would have made an important modification to California's open meeting law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, by providing clarifications to the provisions that forbid a legislative body from prohibiting or otherwise preventing criticism of the body's actions.

- **AB 2646 (Ting) Political Structure Equal Protection**

Status: Signed by Gov. Brown

This bill prohibits denying a minority group structural equal protection of the law by changing the decision-making process in a manner that burdens the ability of members of a group to effect the enactment of future legislation, solely with respect to a matter that is of primary interest to one or more minority groups.