



California's Protection & Advocacy System  
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## Voting Rights of Individuals who have been placed out of County

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- Have you been placed out of the county you call home?
- Do you still want to vote in the county you call home?

Under California law, you have the right to vote in the location considered to be your “Domicile” (Domicile is the term the Election’s Code uses to describe your legal residence). The law is clear that your domicile can be either:<sup>1</sup>

- The place where you currently are and intend to remain; or
- A place where you formerly lived, as long as you intend to return.

The law is also clear that you do not lose your right to be domiciled in a place just because you have been placed in a facility in another county.<sup>2</sup>

If you have been placed out of your home county and you intend to return to that county, please inform staff at the facility where you live or your conservator that you would like information about absentee voting in your home county.

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<sup>1</sup> See California Elections Code, Section 349

<sup>2</sup> See California Elections Code, Section 2025

You may also contact Disability Rights California  
for information and assistance at

**1-800-776-5746**

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