

KOREAN LANGUAGE AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN ELECTIONS

Voting Rights Act: Sections 203 and 4(f)(4)

The Voting Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 to ensure all Americans' equal and fair access to the polling place. Sections 203 and 4(f)(4), also known as the Language Minority Provision, were amended in 1975 and reauthorized in 1982 and 1992. In 2006, the sunset date on minority language assistance provisions set forth in Section 203 of the Act was extended to August 5, 2032. In short, Section 203 prescribes that, in order to guarantee an equal opportunity to voting participation by citizens of language minorities, a state or local government provide voting materials in languages other than English where a need for a specific language is demonstrated. More specifically:

>10,000

The minimum number of voting-age citizens with limited English proficiency who speak the same language.

OR

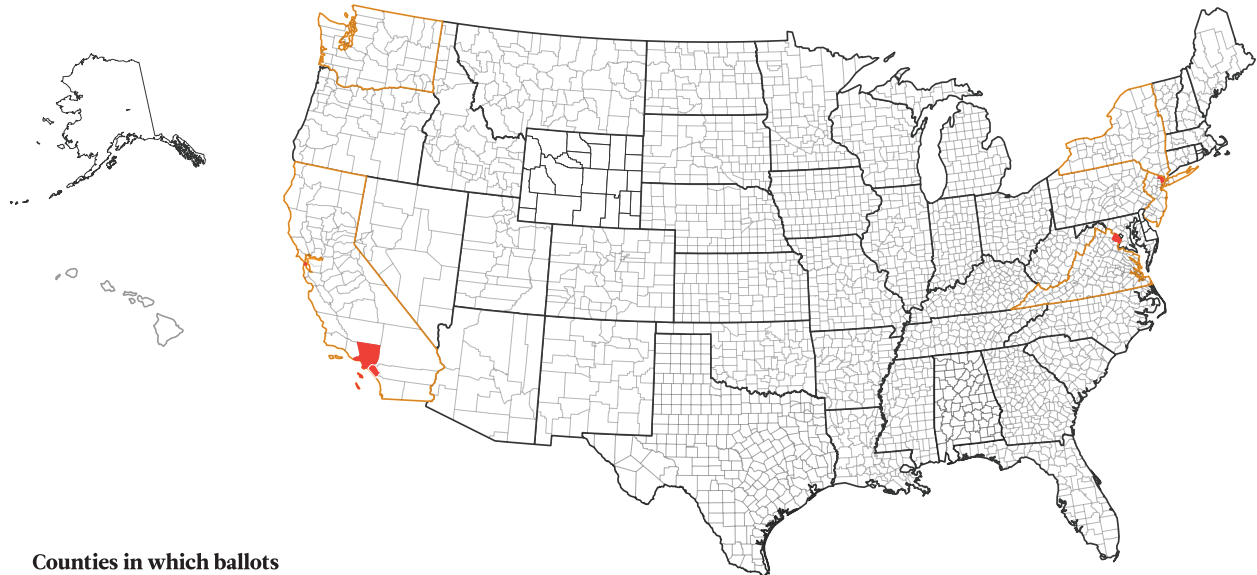
>5%

The minimum proportion of LEP voting-age citizens who speak the same language.

AND

Illiteracy

The illiteracy rate of LEP citizens who speak the same language must exceed the national illiteracy rate.



Counties in which ballots are available in Korean

- Bergen County, NJ
- Queens County, NY
- Orange County, CA
- Los Angeles County, CA
- San Francisco County, CA
- Fairfax County, VA
- King County, WA

States in which voter registration forms available in Korean

- New Jersey
- New York
- California
- Virginia
- Washington



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