

Carolina Justice Policy Center
Action Alert



PROTECT THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT
ASK GOV. PERDUE TO VETO SB 9

On Monday night, the NC Senate voted 27 - 17 to repeal the 2009 Racial Justice Act. Democrats were united and eloquent in their opposition to the repeal bill, SB 9.

Now it is time for us to join in as citizens in the statewide effort to Protect the Racial Justice Act.

TAKE ACTION NOW:

Contact Gov. Perdue at:

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Ask Gov. Perdue to Protect the Racial Justice Act by Vetoing SB 9. Here's why:

SB 9 is a COMPLETE REPEAL of the Racial Justice Act. It guts the law.

SB 9 Intervenes Inappropriately in Pending Litigation -

This repeal comes at a time when evidence of racial bias is currently scheduled to be heard in court before Judge Greg Weeks on January 30th in Cumberland County.

RJA is Moving Through NC Courts in a Fair and Cost-Effective Manner - There are two lead cases and they are moving in an orderly manner through the Courts. All other RJA cases are on hold and are not requiring state resources.

RJA Allows evidence of juror discrimination to be heard- Evidence has been submitted detailing the unfair exclusion of African American jurors. African American jurors have been excluded from jury duty at twice the rate of white jurors.

RJA Insures that No One Will be Released from Prison - The Racial Justice Act specifically states that any one who proves discrimination will serve the rest of their lives in prison without the possibility of parole.

RJA Allows the Use of Statistics to Examine Racial Bias - Statistics are routinely used in housing and employment discrimination cases. Statistical studies have found that prosecutors have systematically used preemptory challenges to exclude qualified black jurors. This data deserves to be heard and reviewed by the courts.

RJA Makes NC a Better State - No one wants race to be a factor in an execution. The RJA helps insure that this issue has been carefully examined when evidence of racial bias is present. We will be a better state for that.

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