

Of Voting and Residency

To the Editor:

The decision by the Franchise Tax Board in California regarding the President's liability for state income taxes has many interesting implications. One concerns out-of-state students who wish to register to vote in the state in which their campus is situated. Many students have had applications rejected by boards of elections on the ground that they do not qualify as residents.

? The President has been found to be not a resident of California. If he continues to vote in California, in Federal elections, then residency will clearly not be a voting requirement in any state (Article IV, Para. 2 of the Constitution). Some other, probably more tenuous relationship to a state will have to be defined as a voting requirement.

Perhaps not even the "partial" residency of a student on a campus will be required, and everyone will be able to choose his own state for voting purposes, which will add considerably to the interest of elections.

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