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Washington

The U.S. Court of Appeals has rejected California Lieutenant Governor Reinecke's request to move his perjury trial to California.

In a decision on Wednesday, the appeals court upheld a ruling by U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker that the case be tried in the nation's capital.

Attorney F. Joseph Donohue, who heads Reinecke's defense team here, said there will be no attempt to carry a change of venue appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Reinecke, who was defeated in a bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in California, is scheduled to go on trial July 15.

He is charged with lying to the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1972 about his efforts to bring the Republican National Convention to San Diego.

Reinecke had requested a change of venue because he said he could not afford to transport defense witnesses from California.

He also contended that the political climate in Washington is not conducive to his getting a fair trial.

The prosecution case is being handled by the office of special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

If convicted, Reinecke could receive a maximum 15-year sentence.

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