

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 27, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1253

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 8, 2006

~~An act relating to wild and scenic rivers. An act to add Section 422.3 to the Government Code, relating to wine.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1253, as amended, Migden. ~~Wild and scenic rivers: American River. Official state wine.~~

Existing law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the poppy as the official state flower and the California redwood as the official state tree.

This bill would establish "zinfandel" as the official state wine.

~~The California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act includes specified rivers and segments thereof within the California Wild and Scenic River system, which are subject to various protections under the act.~~

~~This bill would require the Resources Secretary to conduct a study to determine whether the North and Middle Forks of the American River should be added to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and, before January 1, 2008, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its determination.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

1 (a) Zinfandel wine arrived in California at the time of the gold
2 rush. Zinfandel quickly became a favorite drink of the gold rush
3 miners and has consistently been one of the most popular selling
4 varietals. The only place in the world to find “Old Vine”
5 Zinfandel is in California.

6 (b) Zinfandel is recognized internationally as the only
7 uniquely California wine. Zinfandel’s popularity and consistently
8 strong sales have elevated the popularity of previously unknown,
9 but identical local wines in Italy and Croatia. Zinfandel has a
10 wide variety of flavors that compliment the culinary and cultural
11 diversity of California. Zinfandels have consistently performed
12 well at national and international wine judging competitions.

13 (c) Zinfandel’s cultural and historical contribution to
14 California and its importance to California’s wine industry make
15 it worthy of recognition as California’s state wine.

16 SEC. 2. Section 422.3 is added to the Government Code, to
17 read:

18 422.3. “Zinfandel” is the official state wine.

19 SECTION 1. ~~(a) The Legislature finds and declares that the~~
20 ~~proposed Auburn Dam threatens the North and Middle Forks of~~
21 ~~the American River.~~

22 ~~(b) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall conduct a~~
23 ~~study to determine whether the North and Middle Forks of the~~
24 ~~American River should be added to the California Wild and~~
25 ~~Scenic Rivers System. The secretary shall model the study on the~~
26 ~~Hetch Hetchy Restoration Study.~~

27 ~~(c) By January 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Resources Agency~~
28 ~~shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on its~~
29 ~~determination pursuant to subdivision (b).~~