



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1766 without my signature.

This bill would require that prospective jurors be referred to by either an identification number or abbreviation during voir dire in criminal trials.

The open nature of criminal trials preserves both the defendant's right to a fair and open trial, as well as the public's faith in the court's impartial application of the law. Under existing law, there are adequate remedies available if the court finds good cause to deny public access to the voir dire process or to specific juror information.

These situations are best addressed on a case by case basis, and I do not believe there is a demonstrated need for a wholesale change at this time.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.