

State Boards and Commissions Amendments

Reasons for Removing Political Affiliation
Requirements

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1) Administrative Difficulties

Too many statutory requirements make it difficult to find qualified and willing people



2) Misdirected Focus

Political affiliation is a poor measure of knowledge, skills, and abilities and restricts nominations by third party organizations



3) Administrative/Advisory Roles

Boards are often advisory rather than political, reducing importance of political affiliation



4) Unaffiliated Wildcards

Many appointees' political views are unknown because they are unaffiliated



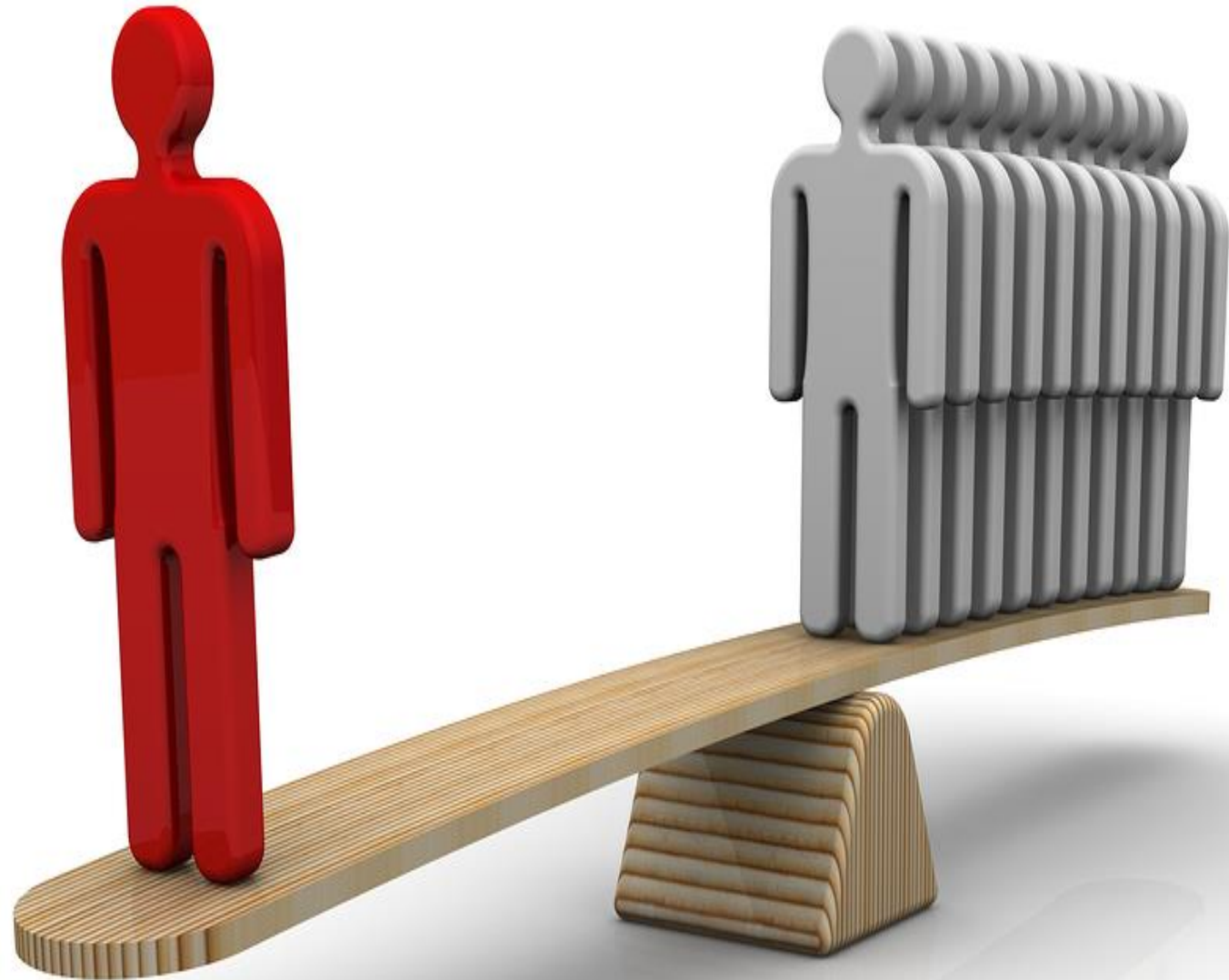
5) Removing Politics

Removing political affiliation requirements shifts the focus from politics to policy



6) Will of the People

Political affiliation requirements make boards and commissions unrepresentative of the people



7) Ineffective Policy

Current policy already allows political majorities and may not achieve its own objective



Conclusion

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