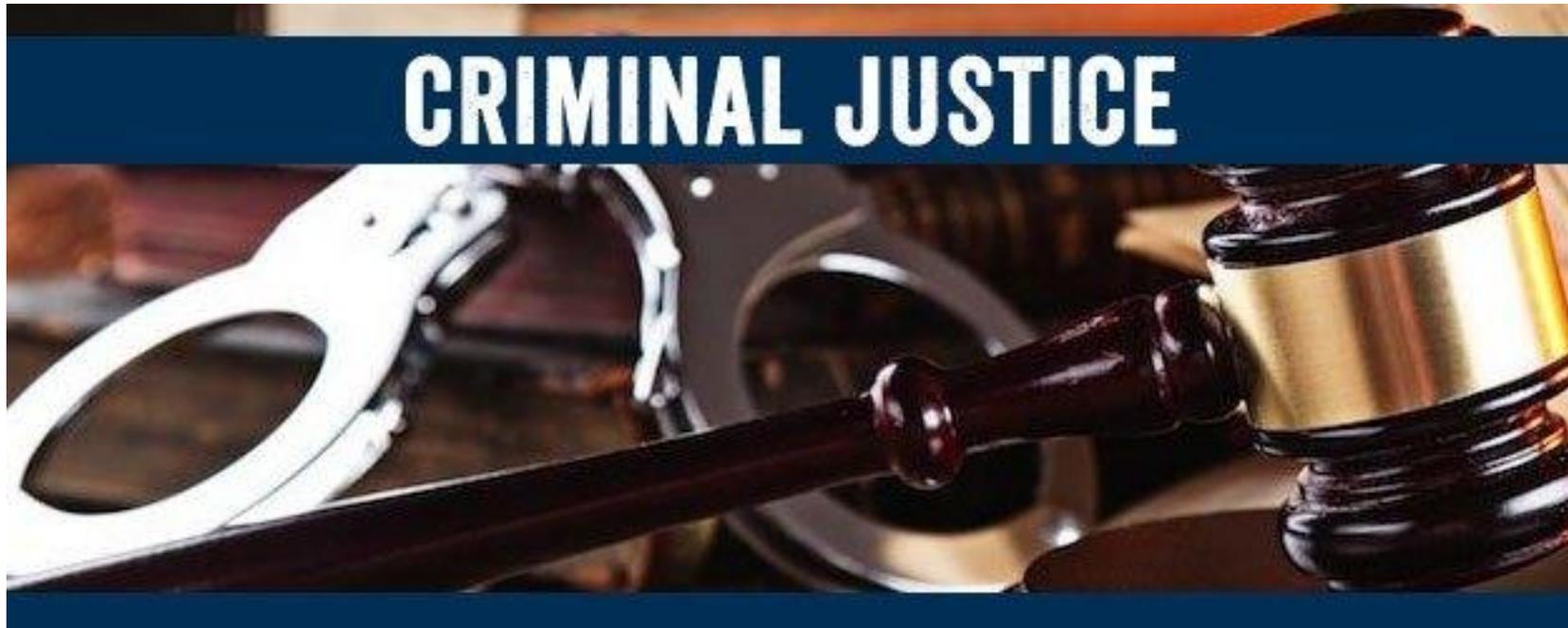


**Prop 20: Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors. (Initiative Statute)**



# Prop 20: The Way It Is Now

- **Theft crimes can be charged as misdemeanors if value is less than \$950 (per Prop. 47, 2014)**
- **Parole and Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) practices for released prisoners of violent crimes allow parole-breakers to be returned to jail**
- **Prop.57 (2016) changed the State Constitution to make prison inmates convicted of nonviolent felonies eligible to be considered for release after serving the term for their primary crimes.**

# What Prop 20 Will Do

- **Changes penalties for serial theft and organized crime theft with value of more than \$250. Some felony charges apply.**
- **Makes various changes to state parole and PRCS practices, e.g. judge must change terms of supervision if broken 3 times.**
- **Changes release categories of Prop. 57 to more stringent criteria**
- **Requires DNA collection from persons convicted for misdemeanor crimes like shoplifting and check forgery**
- **Requires three-fourths majority in both houses of the legislature to amend the law**

# Prop 20: Fiscal Impact

- Depending on which aspects of Prop. 20 are implemented, costs could amount to less than 1% of the State's annual budget.
- State and local correctional costs could be \$10s of millions per year

# Prop 20: Arguments

## Supporters say:

- Prevents the early release of violent offenders and sexual predators by making 28 additional crimes “violent” according to the penal code and requires that victims be notified when their assailants are set free.
- Doesn’t put additional prisoners in jail, it just prevents certain prisoners convicted of violent crimes from being released early
- Prop 20 will help stop car break-ins, shoplifting, and other theft that has been on the rise.

## Opponents say:

- Will waste millions of dollars on prisons causing cuts to critical services people need
- Prop 20 will result in extreme sentences for petty theft and will disproportionately impact vulnerable minorities.

# Prop 20: Financial Support

## Supporters: \$4.49 Million

- **Yes on 20 - Yes on 20 - Keep California Safe \$4.3**
  - California Correctional Peace Officers Assoc. \$2.0 M

## Opponents: \$5.6 Million

- Californians Against The Prison Spending Scam \$5.5 M
- Committee for California Issues PAC \$0.16 M

Source: Ballotpedia

# Prop 20: Yes or No?

A **“Yes” vote** supports this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; re-categorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes; and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.

A **“No” vote** opposes this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; re-categorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes; and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.