

SECOND JUDGE BLOCKS CALIFORNIA MEASURE AGAINST ILLEGAL ALIENS

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A federal **judge blocked** on Wednesday **California**'s voter-approved **measure** to deny almost all state services to **illegal aliens**. The **judge** said the **measure** appeared to conflict with the federal government's authority.

U.S. District **Judge** Mariana Pfaelzer granted a preliminary injunction **blocking** almost all of Proposition 187's bans **against** allowing **illegal aliens** to use public schools, public health services and public social services.

Pfaelzer let stand two of the proposition's more minor provisions: one prohibiting **illegal immigrants** from attending state colleges and another banning the sale and use of false immigration documents.

The **judge** said the **measure**, approved by 59 percent of **California** voters on Nov. 8, denied health and social services to some immigrants who might be entitled to receive them under federal law. It could also pressure some immigrants into leaving the country when they had the right to remain, Pfaelzer said.

The **judge** said only the federal government had the authority to determine who could enter and remain in the United States.

Most major provisions of Proposition 187 were already on hold as a result of a temporary restraining order issued by another federal **judge** last month. But Wednesday's decision goes one step further: She issued a preliminary injunction, which remains in effect until a trial can resolve disputed facts in the case.

The **judge** said the health care provision, in particular, had serious implications because it could put the public health at risk.

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