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**TITLE 1. GENERAL [100 - 7931.000]** ( Title 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )

**DIVISION 1. SOVEREIGNTY AND PEOPLE OF THE STATE [100 - 275.2]** ( Division 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )

**CHAPTER 2. People of the State [240 - 275.2]** ( Chapter 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )

**ARTICLE 1. General [240 - 245]** ( Article 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )

[240.](#) The people, as a political body, consist of:

- (a) Citizens who are electors.
- (b) Citizens not electors.

(Enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

[241.](#) The citizens of the state are:

- (a) All persons born in the state and residing within it, except the children of foreign public ministers and consuls.
- (b) All persons born out of the state who are citizens of the United States and residing within the state.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 296, Sec. 25. (AB 1096) Effective January 1, 2022.)

[242.](#) Persons in the state who are not its citizens are either:

- (a) Citizens of other states; or
- (b) Persons who are not citizens of the United States.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 296, Sec. 26. (AB 1096) Effective January 1, 2022.)

[243.](#) Every person has, in law, a residence.

(Enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

[244.](#) In determining the place of residence the following rules shall be observed:

- (a) It is the place where one remains when not called elsewhere for labor or other special or temporary purpose, and to which he or she returns in seasons of repose.
- (b) There can only be one residence.
- (c) A residence cannot be lost until another is gained.
- (d) The residence of the parent with whom an unmarried minor child maintains his or her place of abode is the residence of such unmarried minor child.
- (e) The residence of an unmarried minor who has a parent living cannot be changed by his or her own act.
- (f) The residence can be changed only by the union of act and intent.
- (g) A married person shall have the right to retain his or her legal residence in the State of California notwithstanding the legal residence or domicile of his or her spouse.

(Amended by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1436.)

[245.](#) Absence from this state, on business of the state or of the United States, shall not affect the question of residence of any person.

(Added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 789.)

