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# New citizens reflect on Proposition 187

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They couldn't vote the day Proposition 187 passed. Two days later, they became American citizens.

For 7,000 immigrants who were sworn in as U.S. citizens during a ceremony Thursday, joy was tempered by sadness over the passage of a California measure that would deny schooling, welfare and most health care to illegal aliens.

"I'm feeling bad because it's not right," said 28-year-old Carlos Urrutia, who fled civil war in El Salvador six years ago and took his place in the crowd to recite the citizenship oath before a federal judge.

Urrutia said he had entered the United States legally but worries about a pregnant relative who doesn't have permission. And he worries about illegals he has never met.

"It's harder living in this country without papers," Urrutia said.

Ernesto Bautista said he can do more than just complain now that he is a citizen: "At least now I can vote."

Francisco Ortiz, 42, another in the group at the Los Angeles Convention Center, was born in Mexico and sees hope in this country despite overwhelming

support for Proposition 187.

"That's why I became a citizen," Ortiz said. "There are laws we don't agree with, but we're still Americans." He, too, said he had entered the country legally.

As they spoke, the fate of Proposition 187 was in the hands of the courts, the result of legal challenges filed by immigration activists and schools.

A federal judge on Wednesday barred enforcement of the measure for a week until a hearing. And a state judge blocked enforcement of the sections ex-

cluding illegal immigrants from public schools.

The fallout continued Thursday:

— Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block reported that Immigration and Naturalization Service officials have said they don't have the money to enforce the measure and don't plan to change any procedures.

In Los Angeles, where the new Americans waved flags and hugged family members, there was a lot of talk about Proposition 187.

"If they ask for my papers because of the color of my skin, I'll just show them," said Jorge Calderon, 44, from Mexico. "But no vaccinations for children, taking the kids from school—that's what really bothered me."

Santiago Rodriguez, a truck driver who illegally entered the United States from Mexico 24 years ago, said he could "care less" about the measure. He said it is easy for illegal immigrants to work around the system, and Proposition 187 would not change that.

## California's new amendment sparks concern

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Parker is so worried about an anti-white backlash against Proposition 187 that she plans to walk her 13-year-old son to his school bus stop each day.

Alma Barajas says a lot of parents in her Hispanic barrio are keeping their children home from school, afraid they might be turned in to immigration officials.

Fears of racial tensions and witch hunts were widespread the day after California voted to deny public education and nonemergency health care to illegal immigrants, even though the courts quickly put the measure on hold. It would require doctors, teachers and welfare workers to turn in suspected illegals.

"Everyone has been given the authority to be

a Gestapo," said Marina Vera, who has taught many illegal students during 10 years teaching in San Diego. "Everyone is going to be turning everyone else in."

The measure passed 59 percent to 41 percent. It was immediately challenged in court by immigration activists and a coalition of school districts, who claimed it violates basic human rights. A federal judge barred enforcement of the law for one week until he could hold a hearing, and a state judge barred expulsions from public schools until a hearing he scheduled for Feb. 8, 1995.

Demonstrations led to arrests in some cities. In San Francisco, 18 people were arrested after about 100 youths marched up Market Street.

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