

## Election Rigging Response Act/Proposition 50 (2025)

Special Election on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Why happening: Strategic response after Texas redrew maps that will affect both its State Legislative and U.S. Congressional Districts.

What Prop. 50 Does: Alters redistricting system. Temporary pause that lets the State Legislature redraw maps for elections through 2030. Automatic return to the Commission after 2030. (2031)

Strategic plan with a revised redistricting map is to add more registered Democratic voters to districts held by Republicans or reduce splits across cities and counties. Redrawing of the maps makes these districts more favorable to Democrats.

Primary Goal: Target 5 Republican held districts to flip Democratic.

The 5 targeted districts and the most effected by the redistricting maps.

These areas see the biggest political shifts – could flip Republican seats.

- CA-01 – Loses Republican leaning areas near Oregon border and gains Democratic areas around Santa Rosa. (Northern CA)  
Impact: rural north loses influence, suburban and city gain more sway
- CA-03 – Sheds Eastern Sierra (Republican areas). Gains areas closer to Sacramento -lean Democratic
- CA-22 – Picks up more Fresno County's Democratic leaning areas while trimming some Republican leaning parts.  
Impact: Central Valley farming communities may see their districts tilt more forward city-based voters.
- CA-41 – Moves from swing area in western Inland Empire (large region in Southern CA east of LA. Includes Riverside and San Bernardino) to more Democratic leaning zones in LA County.  
Impact: One of the State's longest-serving Republicans could now be in a much more difficult district.
- CA-48 -Removes some Republican areas in San Diego County; adds Democratic leaning regions around Coachella Valley.  
Impact: San- Diego area conservatives lose ground, while more diverse inland communities gain voice.

Costs: Counties would have to cover most of the costs. Involved in those costs are ballot changes, voter materials, and adjusting systems. It is going to cost millions of dollars with only approximately \$200,000 coming directly from the State budget.

Why It Matters: Prop. 50 tweaks key areas to reshape a handful of competing districts. This targeted approach highlights how adjustments by just shifting a few communities can reshape electoral dynamics for years. If Proposition 50 passes, our representation as Republicans will diminish for years to come in California.

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