

# PROP 50: ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT

## VOTE YES ON NOVEMBER 4

### What is California's Election Rigging Response Act?

The Election Rigging Response Act is a proposal for California to undertake mid-decade redistricting that would create five new liberal-leaning seats in the U.S. Congress. The measure will appear on the November 2025 ballot as Proposition 50. **It is constitutional, and it has been endorsed by NUHW's Executive Board.** If approved by voters, it would allow the state legislature to redraw congressional maps sooner than the traditional 2030 timeframe.

This is a critical defensive measure to prevent undemocratic control of the House through 2030. The sunset provisions and voter approval process maintain democratic legitimacy while responding to unprecedented power grabs that threaten fundamental worker protections both in the near and long term.

### Why is this happening?

In July 2025, President Trump demanded that Texas undertake immediate redistricting to create five additional Republican House seats. Texas subsequently began an aggressive gerrymandering plan, targeting Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth to increase Republican control despite diverse electorates in those cities.

### Is California's Election Rigging Response Act an appropriate measure?

Yes, a 2006 Supreme Court decision provides strong legal foundation. Additionally, unlike Texas's legislature-only approach, California's effort maintains democratic accountability by requiring voter-approval. A contingency provision will preserve California's current maps if Texas abandons its plan.

### Is this a temporary measure?

Yes. The proposal would suspend the Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority only for congressional maps (not state legislative maps) and only through 2030, with maps reverting to commission control after the next census. Proposition 50 explicitly declares this a response to "extraordinary circumstances" requiring temporary defensive action while preserving California's long-term commitment to independent redistricting.

### What are the possible long-term consequences if Texas enacts gerrymandered redistricting and California does nothing?

- **Consequences for the labor movement:** Control of the House by Trump-aligned Congressmembers would enable passage of national right-to-work legislation, federal preemption of state labor protections, and gutting of the National Labor Relations Board. Texas gains without a response could cement anti-union control through 2030.
- **Consequences for healthcare:** Sustained conservative majorities would enable systematic dismantling of Affordable Care Act protections and elimination of pre-existing condition protections that benefit union health plans. It would also likely result in cuts to CDC funding, elimination of pandemic preparedness programs, and rollback of workplace safety regulations.
- **Consequences for democracy:** Redistricting could create permanent minority rule, and far-right House majorities could block voting rights legislation, enable partisan voter purges, and support state restrictions that harm working-class voters.

### What needs to happen for the Election Rigging Response Act to be enacted?

- **Ballot date:** November 4, 2025 special election
- **What's needed for enactment:** With voter approval (50% + 1), maps would take effect for 2026 elections.