

## CA Proposition 50 Overview from AAUW California

### What It Does

Proposition 50 asks California voters whether the state should adopt temporary congressional district maps if other states redraw their maps mid-decade for partisan advantage. These temporary maps would apply only if other states redraw their maps, be used only through the 2026–2030 elections, and then expire after the next census-driven redistricting.

### Why It Matters

- Levels the playing field in response to other states' illegal mid-decade redistricting.
- Commits that California resumes independent redistricting after 2030.
- Reaffirms California maps do not dilute voices of historically marginalized communities.
- Protects fair representation and democratic norms.
- Keeps the decision in voters' hands – must be directly approved by voters.

### Top 10 Key Points

1. **Ballot Measure** Proposition 50 is on the November 4, 2025, Special Election ballot.
2. **Purpose** Allows California to adopt temporary congressional maps.
3. **Trigger** Changes only occur if other states redraw maps mid-decade.
4. **Temporary** Maps expire in 2030; the Citizens Redistricting Commission resumes control.
5. **Fairness Criteria** Must not dilute the voices of historically marginalized communities.
6. **Proportional Response** Defensive measure to maintain fairness in national representation.
7. **Impact** Could shift CA congressional districts, affecting competitive races in 2026–2030.
8. **Supporters** argue it preserves democracy, equity & responds to unfair practices elsewhere.
9. **Opponents** argue it undermines independent redistricting by CA Redistricting Commission.
10. **Voters' Decision** Will be made in November 2025, keeping the choice in voters' hands.

### Key Election Dates 2025

- Mon, Oct 6 Counties begin mailing ballots\*
- Tue, Oct 7 Ballot drop-off locations open
- Mon, Oct 20 Last day to register to vote (same-day registration available)
- Sat, Oct 25 Early in-person voting begins  
\*Check your county - early voting may open as soon as Oct 6
- Tue, Nov 4 Election Day  
Mailed ballots must be postmarked by 9pm  
Ballot drop-off locations close at 8pm
- Wed, Nov 12 Deadline for ballots to be received at the election office