

## Frequently Asked Questions Proposition 77

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### The Political Power Grab

#### **What does Proposition 77 – the redistricting initiative – really do?**

Proposition 77 is sponsored by politicians who want to change the Constitution to give themselves more power. They want to hand over redistricting to three unelected - and unaccountable - retired judges. But redistricting California, a diverse state of 37 million people, is too big and too important a job for just three people.

#### **Will Proposition 77 make things more fair?**

No. California's redistricting process needs reform, but Proposition 77 is opposed by respected government reformers and a broad coalition of citizens' groups. They know it is a poorly written measure that changes the Constitution to give power to politicians who are spending millions to pass Proposition 77.

#### **Who really draws the new districts?**

Under Proposition 77, politicians hand-pick retired judges to draw the districts for them. This allows the politicians to hide behind the unelected - and unaccountable - retired judges during any redistricting.

#### **Will voters have a say in the new map?**

No. Politicians wrote Proposition 77 so new redistricting maps would become effective immediately, BEFORE voters have a chance to vote on them. Only after the new maps are being used by politicians would voters have a chance to reject them. That's backwards.

#### **Will the new districts reflect California's diversity?**

Proposition 77 calls for an immediate redistricting using old and outdated census data. This would ignore the millions of Californians who have moved or relocated in the last 6 years. The initiative also prevents judges from considering "communities of interest" when drawing districts. Minority groups, coastal voters and others could lose their voting power, muffling the political voice of millions.

#### **What will it cost?**

If voters reject redistricting plans, the process begins again: new judges and new maps that will cost millions. If the plans are rejected again, an endless cycle of redistricting could start, year after year after year – all at taxpayer expense.

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