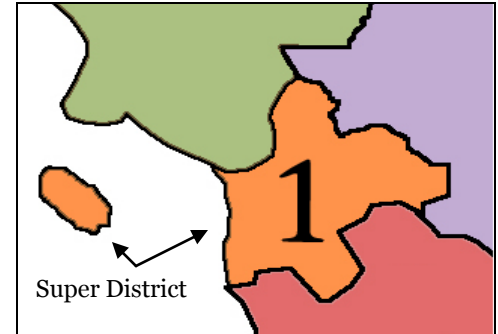


Comparison of Five Assembly Districts with a Super District

Bay Area Winner-Take-All Districts



Bay Area Super District



Among our proposed super districts for the California State Assembly, the Bay Area was found to be one of the most partisan. Unlike the five single-member districts, however, a super district with proportional voting still allows for competitive elections and fair representation, even under hyper-partisan conditions.

Proportional Voting Plan vs. Bay Area Winner-Take-All Districts

Partisanship

California Final Assembly Plan's Bay Area Districts

District	Partisan Index (D)*	Threshold to Win	Projected Seats*
15	84.9%	50% + 1	Democrat
17	84.9%	50% + 1	Democrat
18	82.9%	50% + 1	Democrat
19	75.4%	50% + 1	Democrat
22	69.9%	50% + 1	Democrat

Race and Voting Power*

California Final Assembly Plan's Bay Area Districts

District	White	Latino	Black	Asian	Voting Power
15	51.03%	11.45%	17.82%	17.88%	White Voters
17	53.28%	12.30%	9.40%	23.35%	White Voters
18	34.12%	12.80%	30.10%	20.48%	???*
19	43.83%	10.04%	4.35%	40.21%	???*
22	61.67%	13.22%	2.62%	20.45%	White Voters

* Racial percentages reflect the citizen voting-age population (CVAP). Voters may not vote on racial lines, but white voters are the largest CVAP group in all five districts.

FairVote's Bay Area Assembly Super District

Super District	Partisan Index (D)*	Threshold to Win	Projected Seats*
1	79.66%	16.67% + 1	Dem-4, GOP-1

* Partisanship and projections are based on an analysis of the 2008 presidential election. Third party votes might rise.

FairVote's Bay Area Assembly Super District

Super District	White	Latino	Black	Asian	Voting Power
1	48.85%	11.90%	12.49%	24.86%	White Voters-2, Asian Voters-1, ???-2

FairVote Analysis

Partisanship: In the current five-district plan, Democrats have an overwhelming advantage to win every seat by a landslide. However, with a 16.7% threshold to win a seat, the super district plan allows Republican voters to have their voice represented as well. With almost one in three super district voters not registering with a major party, more voters may also choose to vote for a third party or independent.

Race and Voting Power: Voters do not always vote along racial lines, but the current winner-take-all plan provides a clear advantage to white voters in three districts and an edge in the other two. In the super district, we would expect viable candidates across the racial spectrum. Asian voters meet the threshold to elect a preferred candidate, and Latinos and blacks are in a position to help elect preferred candidates.