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Nuñez's remapping plan

Re Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez's proposed redistricting plan:

So Assembly Speaker Nuñez is now on the redistricting bandwagon; too bad he actively participated with the anti-Proposition 77 coalition that through their misrepresentations helped defeat Proposition 77. Now the legislation that Nuñez supports looks a lot like Proposition 77 with two big and glaring differences:

Nuñez's plan gives redistricting (power) to the Little Hoover Commission (which is comprised of political appointees from the governor, Senate and Assembly) and the vote to green-light their plan is given to the Legislature (the very people whose "job" will be affected by the plan.) Proposition 77 would have had a panel of three retired judges (that would have been recommended by the Legislature) and the green-lighting of the plan would have been in the hands of us — the people.

It's just a shame that Nuñez and so many other entrenched career politicians helped defeat Prop. 77, because with their support, Prop. 77 would have most likely passed and we may already have had the districts redrawn.

Of course, this may have meant a lot fewer "safe" seats for politicians and actually made for a more interesting election for us, and may have allowed us to perhaps elect representatives more reflective of us. Now this would have made for a welcomed change.

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