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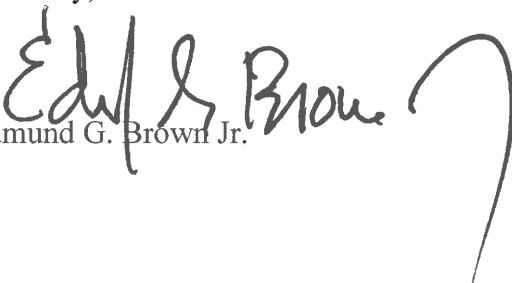
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 182 without my signature.

This bill would apply the rules governing at-large elections in the California Voting Rights Act to challenges related to district-based elections.

I vetoed a similar bill last year, SB 1365 (Padilla), and my views have not changed. I believe the federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act provide important and sufficient safeguards to ensure that the electoral strength of minority voters is protected.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.