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To the Members of the California State Senate:

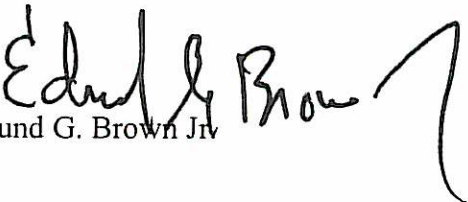
I am returning Senate Bill 1365 without my signature.

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

While there is progress to be made, the federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act already provide important safeguards to ensure that the voting strength of minority communities is not diluted.

Senator Padilla has been a champion of election reform. I look forward to working with him to ensure that voting rights are jealously protected.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr