

The Straight Line Division

Under this alternative, the boundary would run along the top of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties, as shown in Figure 37. The new southern state would consist of 10 counties and 61 percent of the population, while the new northern state would consist of 48 counties and 39 percent of the population.

This is the approximate boundary specified in the 1859 Pico Act, the only divide-the-state measure approved by the California Legislature.

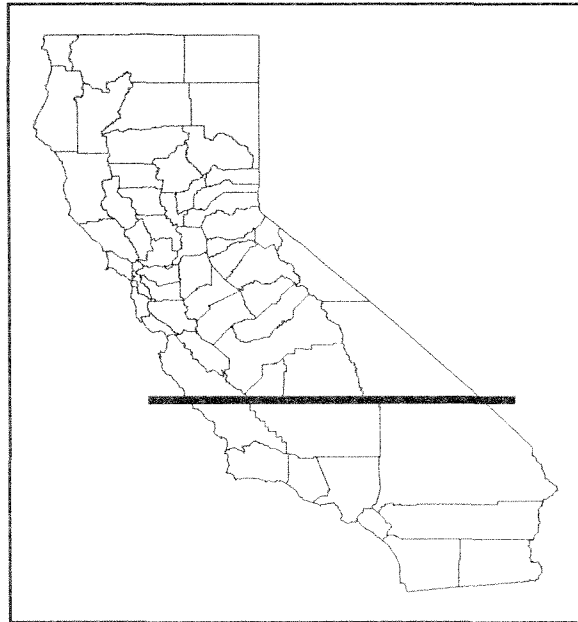


Fig. 37 Straight Line Boundary Proposal

As a beginning reference point, the 1991-2 General Fund budgets of the two states, based solely on an allocation by population would be:

NORTH	SOUTH
\$17.667 billion	\$28.104 billion

The Eight South Counties

Under this alternative, the South state would consist of the eight south counties and 59 percent of the population, while the new northern state would consist of 50 counties and 41 percent of the population (see Figure 38).

The rationale for this boundary is:

- It follows existing county boundaries,
- The relatively lower income Central Valley is combined with the Bay Area, the highest per-capita wealth area of the state, and
- The entire Central Valley is in the North, nearly following natural air-shed and watershed boundaries.

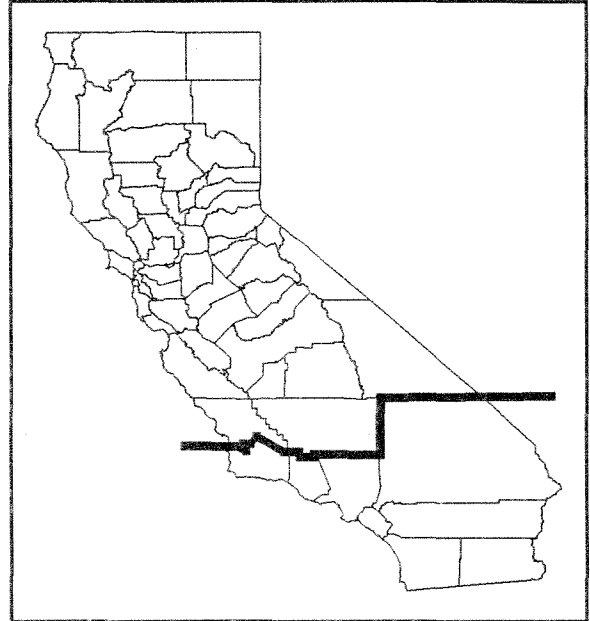


Fig. 38 Eight South Counties Proposal

As a beginning reference point, the 1991-2 General Fund budgets of the two states, based solely on an allocation by population would be:

NORTH	SOUTH
\$18.846 billion	\$26.925 billion

The Watershed Boundary

Under this alternative, the boundary would be as shown in Figure 39. The new southern state would consist of 11 counties and 60 percent of the population, while the new northern state would consist of 47 counties and 40 percent of the population.

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- It follows existing county boundaries,
- The relatively lower income Central Valley is combined with the Bay Area, the highest per-capita wealth area of the state, and
- The entire Central Valley is in the North, nearly following natural air-shed and watershed boundaries.

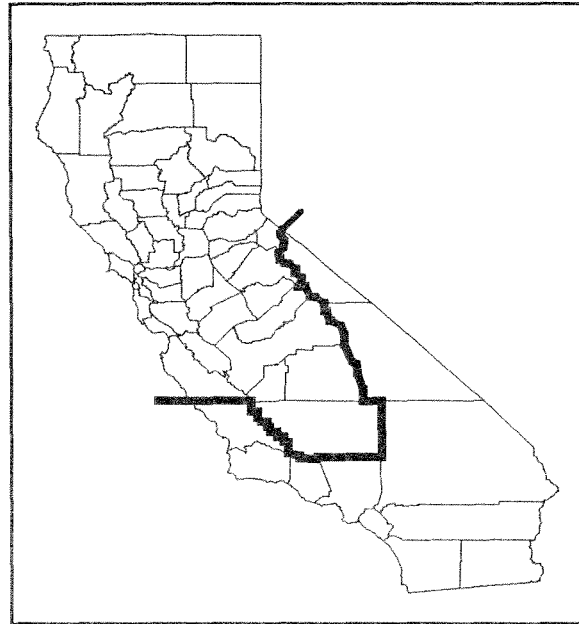


Fig. 39 Watershed Boundary Proposal

As a beginning reference point, the 1991-2 General Fund budgets of the two states, based solely on an allocation by population would be:

NORTH	SOUTH
\$18.479 billion	\$27.292 billion