

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code - Redistricting Task Force]

### **Ordinance convening the Redistricting Task Force and amending the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to require Redistricting Task Force members to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700s).**

#### **Existing Law**

Under Charter Section 13.110(d), within 60 days of the publication of decennial federal census data, the Director of Elections must report to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") on whether the existing supervisorial district boundaries continue to meet the requirements of federal law, state law, and the criteria set forth in the Charter. The Charter requires that the population variations between supervisorial districts should be limited to one percent from the statistical mean unless additional variations, limited to five percent of the statistical mean, are necessary to prevent dividing or diluting the voting power of minorities and/or to keep recognized neighborhoods intact. *Id.* The Charter also requires that the new supervisorial district boundaries conform to the rule of one person, one vote, and reflect communities of interest within the City and County. *Id.*

Pursuant to Charter section 13.110(d), after the Director issues his report and if he determines that redistricting is required, the Board must convene and fund a nine-member Redistricting Task Force ("Task Force"). The Task Force will be responsible for redrawing district lines in accordance with the Charter's requirements. *Id.* The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission shall each appoint three members. *Id.* The Director of Elections shall serve ex officio as a non-voting member. *Id.* The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission must make their appointments within sixty days of the date on which the Director issues his report regarding the City's district boundaries. *Id.*

Under the Charter, the Task Force must complete its redrawing of supervisorial district lines by April 15, 2022.

#### **Amendments to Current Law**

The proposed ordinance convenes the Redistricting Task Force, which is responsible for redrawing the boundaries of the City's supervisorial districts. Due to the Census Bureau's delays in the publication of redistricting data, the Board is convening the Task Force in anticipation of the need for redistricting for at least one of the City's supervisorial districts.

The ordinance also specifies that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as Secretary to the Task Force, and that on behalf of the Task Force, the Director of Elections

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("Director") shall, subject to the Charter's budgetary and fiscal provisions, retain any necessary technical consultants to assist the Task Force in its duties.

The proposed ordinance also amends the City's conflict of interest code to require Task Force members to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700s).

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