

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code - Failure to File Form 700s]

**Ordinance amending the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to disqualify members of City boards and commissions who have not filed their Form 700s from participating in or voting on certain matters.**

### **Existing Law**

The Political Reform Act of 1974, California Government Code section 87300, et seq., requires that San Francisco designate those City officials and employees who must disclose their personal financial interests on the Fair Political Practices Commission's Form 700 (also referred to as Statements of Economic Interests or SEIs). City officials required to file Form 700s must file an "assuming office" statement within 30 days of taking office, and thereafter, must generally file an "annual" statement by April 1 of each year.

Failure to timely file a Form 700, or failure to file a Form 700 at all, may result in a fine levied by either the Ethics Commission or the Fair Political Practices Commission. San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 3.1-102.5 provides that the failure to file a Form 700 may also result in discipline by the official's appointing authority. Section 3.1-102.5 also provides that the Ethics Commission may issue a letter to an appointing authority recommending suspension or removal of any City official, if the official has failed to file within 30 days of receiving notice from the Ethics Commission.

### **Amendments to Current Law**

The proposed legislation would create further consequences on members of City boards and commissions who fail to timely file their Form 700s. The proposal would disqualify such officials from any participation in matters coming before their boards and commissions until they file their Form 700. The proposal would also require commission secretaries to publicly announce, at the beginning of public meetings, when a member of the secretary's board or commission has failed to timely file a Form 700.

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