

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Service System.]

Amending the Charter of the City and County by amending Sections 10.102, 10.103, 12.200 and 12.201 of the Charter and Sections A8.423, A8.427 and A8.428 of Appendix A of the Charter to place administration of the Health Service System under the jurisdiction of the Health Service Board, replace the City Attorney seat on the Health Service Board with an elected seat and modify the application of the credit for Medicare premiums.

Existing Law

The Health Service System was established by the voters in 1937 to provide medical benefits to employees and retirees of the City, Community College District and Unified School District. The Board consists of a member of the Board of Supervisors, the City Attorney, two members appointed by the Mayor, and three members elected by employees and retirees.

The Human Resources Director appoints a health services administrator who serves at the HR Director's pleasure. The health services administrator administers the Health Service System.

The Health Service Board adopts medical plans, determines the costs of the plans and sets the contributions required by the employers, employees, retirees and their dependents according to rules set forth in the Charter.

Amendments to Current Law

The City Attorney would not serve on the Health Service Board. The seat formerly occupied by the City Attorney would be filled by a member elected by employees and retirees.

The Health Service Board would appoint the health services administrator, who would serve at the pleasure of the Health Service Board. Administration of the health service system would be under the jurisdiction and control of the Health Service Board. The Health Service Board would be subject to general rules applicable to boards and commissions, except to the extent that the Charter gives the Health Service Board specific powers and duties, such as the power to appoint the Health Services administrator and to set health plan rates.