

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Municipal Elections Code - Supporters and Opponents in Ballot Questions for Local Measures]

Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to provide that the names of supporters and opponents of a local ballot measure submitted to the voters be listed in the ballot statement or question for each local measure except when including such names will cause there to be more than six ballot cards for that election.

Existing Law

In 2022, the State enacted Assembly Bill 1416, which requires a list of the supporters and opponents of statewide and local ballot measures to appear on the ballot in the general statement or ballot question. With respect to local ballot measures, Assembly Bill 1416 provides that a county board of supervisors may elect to opt out of this requirement. In Ordinance No. 178-23, the City opted out of the requirement for elections occurring in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would authorize the City to opt out of the requirements that the names of supporters and opponents of a local ballot measure appear in the general statement or ballot question under Assembly Bill 1416 for any election in which the Director of Elections determines that including such information will cause the ballot to consist of more than six ballot cards.

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