

1 [Senate Bill 962- Direct deposit of public assistance benefits]  
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3 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO APPROVE  
4 STATE SENATE BILL 962 REQUIRING THOSE COUNTIES THAT OFFER DIRECT  
5 DEPOSIT PROGRAMS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE  
6 DIRECT DEPOSIT BY ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS TO ANY PERSON  
7 ENTITLED TO THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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9 WHEREAS, Many California welfare recipients are in the process  
10 of making the transition from welfare into the labor market; and,

11 WHEREAS, Part of the transition into the labor market should  
12 include participation in the economic mainstream through establishing  
13 banking relationships; and

14 WHEREAS, Many California banks offer low- or no-cost accounts  
15 for customers who make their deposits through direct deposit; and

16 WHEREAS, Direct deposit is widely offered by private and public  
17 employers and utilized by many employees because of its convenience,  
18 reliability, and low cost; and

19 WHEREAS, The option of direct deposit is not currently available  
20 to most California public assistance recipients; and

21 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 962, introduced by Senator Martha Escutia,  
22 would allow direct deposit of public assistance benefits into a  
23 financial institution, minimizing the likelihood of mail thefts or  
24 mail delays, ensuring that all recipients receive money on the first  
25 of the month (currently the checks are given out on any one of the  
first ten days of the month making it difficult for some to pay rent

1 on time), and preventing welfare recipients from having to pay check  
2 cashing fees; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
4 of San Francisco urges the Legislature and Governor to approve Senate  
5 Bill 962 requiring those counties that offer direct deposit programs  
6 to their employees to establish a program for the direct deposit by  
7 electronic fund transfer of payments to any person entitled to the  
8 receipt of public assistance; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
10 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the  
11 delegation from San Francisco in the State legislature, as well as  
12 Governor Davis, asking that they take all action necessary to pass  
13 Senate Bill 962.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

## Resolution

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**File Number:** 000493

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve State Senate Bill 962 requiring those counties that offer direct deposit programs to their employees to establish a program for the direct deposit by electronic fund transfer of payments to any person entitled to the receipt of public assistance.

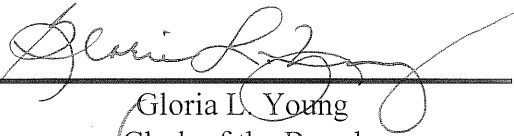
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March 27, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki  
Absent: 3 - Bierman, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 27, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.