

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Second Draft – Amended in Committee, 1/28/16)

[Charter Amendment - Filling Supervisorial Vacancies Within 28 Days]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2016, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require the Mayor to fill a supervisorial vacancy within 28 days.

Existing Law

When a seat on the Board of Supervisors becomes vacant because of the death, resignation, recall, permanent disability, or the inability of the officer to otherwise carry out the responsibilities of the office, the Mayor has the authority to appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until an election is held. The Charter does not impose any deadline for the Mayor's vacancy appointments.

Amendments to Current Law

The Mayor would be required to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors within 28 days of the date of the vacancy.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments made by the Rules Committee on January 28, 2016. On that day, the Committee duplicated the file and amended the duplicate file to remove almost all of the proposed changes to the vacancy appointment and election process. The proposal now solely requires the Mayor to make vacancy appointments for the Board of Supervisors within 28 days of the date of the vacancy.

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