

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Including Military Service in Definition of “Public Service” for Retirement Service Credit Purchases]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to expand the definition of “public service” to allow members of the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System to purchase service credit for time served in the military before City employment.

Existing Law

Currently, City employees may purchase San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System (SFERS) service credit for civilian service in other government agencies. City employees may only purchase service credit for military time served during City employment or while on an eligible list.

Amendments to Current Law

The amendment to Administrative Code Section 16.55-1 will eliminate the civilian limitation, expanding eligible public service for purchase to employees who served in the military.

Background Information

The current definition of public service in Administrative Code Section 16.55-1 limits the type of public service eligible to purchase service credit with SFERS to civilian service only. This definition excludes SFERS members with prior military service from the opportunity to purchase service credit.

This amendment expands the definition of public service to create an equal opportunity for all SFERS members with eligible public service to purchase retirement service credit.