

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Charter Amendment - Mayor Approval Required for Certain SFMTA Budget Proposals]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that the Mayor must affirmatively approve in writing certain San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposals as part of the SFMTA's proposed budget or budget amendment; proposals subject to the approval requirement include changes to fares, parking meter maximum rates, and hours or days of parking meter operation.

Existing Law

Under current law, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has exclusive jurisdiction over setting transit fares subject to the ability of the Board of Supervisors to reject a change in fares with a vote of seven out of 11 members. The Mayor does not have a role under the Charter in setting transit fares.

The SFMTA also has exclusive jurisdiction to set parking meter maximum rates and hours and days of parking meter operation. Under the Charter, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor do not have a role in setting parking meter rates or hours or days of operation.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation amends the Charter to provide that the Mayor must affirmatively approve in writing certain SFMTA proposals as part of the SFMTA's budget or budget amendment. The proposals that are subject to this approval are changes to: (1) SFMTA fares; and (2) parking meter maximum rates; and (3) hours or days of parking meter operation.

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