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[Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code - Convening the Redistricting Task Force and Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code]

Ordinance convening the Redistricting Task Force, pursuant to Charter Section 13.110(d), and amending the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code by adding Section 3.1-397 to include the Redistricting Task Force in the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

NOTE:

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Creation.

Pursuant to Charter Section 13.110(d), the Board of Supervisors hereby convenes the Redistricting Task Force (Task Force).

Section 2. Membership.

The Task Force shall consist of nine members. The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission shall each appoint three members. The Director of Elections shall serve ex officio as a non-voting member. The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission shall make their appointments by July 8, 2011.

The membership of the Task Force shall be broadly representative of the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and diversity in ethnicity, race, age, gender, and sexual orientation of the City and County of San Francisco.

Members of the Task Force shall serve until the Task Force completes its duties in connection with the 2010 decennial census, as set forth in Charter section 13.110(d). Any vacancies occurring in the voting membership of the Task Force shall be filled by the appointing authority for the seat which becomes vacant.

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The Task Force shall be responsible for redrawing supervisorial district lines in accordance with the law and shall make appropriate adjustments based on public input provided at community meetings.

As set forth in Charter section 13.110(d), district boundaries must conform to all applicable legal requirements, including the requirement that they be equal in population. Population variations between districts shall be limited to 1% from the statistical mean unless additional variations, limited to 5% of the statistical mean, are necessary to prevent dividing or diluting the voting power of minorities and/or to keep recognized neighborhoods intact; provided, however, that the redistricting shall conform to the rule of one person, one vote, and shall reflect communities of interest within the City and County of San Francisco.

Section 4. Staffing.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as Secretary to the Task Force. The Clerk's duties shall include, but are not limited to, maintaining a Task Force webpage, posting Task Force meeting agendas and minutes, coordinating meeting space, and providing workspace for the Task Force's members, as needed.

On behalf of the Task Force, the Director of Elections shall, subject to the Charter's budgetary and fiscal provisions, retain any necessary technical consultants to assist the Task Force in its duties.

Section 5. Sunset Provision.

The Task Force shall terminate by operation of law after it has completed its duties in connection with the 2010 decennial census, as set forth in Charter section 13.110(d).

Section 6. Conflict of Interest Code. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental .

Conduct Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.1-397. – REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE.

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## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code – Convening the Redistricting Task Force and Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code]

Ordinance convening the Redistricting Task Force, pursuant to Charter Section 13.110(d), and amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code to include the Redistricting Task Force.

## Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance convenes the Redistricting Task Force ("Task Force"), which is responsible for redrawing the boundaries of the City's supervisorial districts. The ordinance also specifies that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as Secretary to the Task Force, and that on behalf of the Task Force, the Director of Elections ("Director") shall, subject to the Charter's budgetary and fiscal provisions, retain any necessary technical consultants to assist the Task Force in its duties. The ordinance also amends the City's conflict of interest code to require Task Force members to file Statements of Economic Interests.

## **Background Information**

Under Charter section 13.110(d), within 60 days of the publication of decennial federal census data, the Director must report to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") on whether the existing supervisorial district boundaries continue to meet the requirements of federal and state law and the criteria set forth in the Charter. The Charter requires that the population variations between supervisorial districts should be limited to one percent from the statistical mean unless additional variations, limited to five percent of the statistical mean, are necessary to prevent dividing or diluting the voting power of minorities and/or to keep recognized neighborhoods intact. Charter § 13.110(d). The Charter also requires that the new supervisorial district boundaries conform to the rule of one person, one vote, and reflect communities of interest within the City and County. *Id.* On May 9, 2011, the Director provided his report to the Board, concluding that the City's supervisorial district lines must be redrawn.

Pursuant to Charter section 13.110(d), after the Director issues his report, the Board must convene and fund a nine-member Task Force. The Task Force will be responsible for redrawing district lines in accordance with the Charter's requirements. *Id.* The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission shall each appoint three members. *Id.* The Director of Elections shall serve ex officio as a non-voting member. *Id.* The Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Elections Commission must make their appointments within sixty days of the date on which the Director issues his report regarding the City's district boundaries. *Id.* 

The Task Force must complete its redrawing of supervisorial district lines by April 15, 2012.

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