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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Elections to Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to eliminate statement of intention, disclosure, and reporting requirements for candidates seeking election to the Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board; eliminate third-party disclosure requirements for persons or entities making independent expenditures to support or oppose such candidates; and delete corresponding training, audit, and enforcement provisions.

Existing Law

Article XII, Chapter 16 of the Administrative Code governs elections for members of the Retirement Board, Health Service Board, and the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Board (collectively "Boards"). Candidates for these Boards are required to file certain disclosures with the Ethics Commission, including a candidate intention statement, Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), and other filings concern campaign contributions and expenditures. Any person or entity that makes independent expenditures totaling $1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose candidate(s) for the Boards must comply with third-party disclosure requirements. Each Board is required to notify its members of these disclosure requirements.

Candidates for the Boards must attend trainings conducted or sponsored by the Ethics Commission, and must retain certain records. The Ethics Commission has the authority to initiate audits of any candidate for the Boards, or of any person who made an independent expenditure in support of or opposition to any candidate for the Boards, and may impose late filing fees and levy penalties on persons who fail to file the required statements.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance eliminates the disclosure requirements for candidates seeking election to the Boards and for any person or entity that makes independent expenditures to support or oppose such candidates. It removes the authority of the Ethics Commission to initiate audits of such candidates or third-parties, and to impose late filing fees and to levy penalties on such persons. And it eliminates the obligation of the Boards to inform their members of these disclosure requirements. The ordinance does not change provisions of the Conflict of Interest Code that require members of the Boards to file Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700).

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