

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Language Access Ordinance]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to add the Ethics Commission to the list of City departments required to provide enhanced language access services.**

### Existing Law

The Language Access Ordinance, codified at Chapter 91 of the Administrative Code, requires City departments to take certain steps to make programs and services accessible to persons who are not proficient in the English language.

All departments are subject to minimum requirements set forth in the ordinance. Certain departments, called “Tier 1” departments, are subject to more stringent requirements, which include use of bilingual employees, automatic translation of key documents, and preparation of an annual compliance plan.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Language Access Ordinance to add the Ethics Commission to the list of “Tier 1” departments that are required to provide enhanced language access services.