

San Francisco  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**BALLOT SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE**

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**Authority:**

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Elections Code, Section 600 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 188-75, 49-87, and 429-97)

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**Board Qualifications:**

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The Ballot Simplification Committee ("Committee") consists of a total of six (6) members, five (5) of whom are voting members:

> Three (3) shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors:

\* Two (2) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Northern California Chapter, or the Northern California Broadcasters Association.

\* One (1) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

> Two (2) shall be appointed by the Mayor:

\* One (1) shall be appointed from persons whose names have been submitted by the Pacific Media Workers Guild (previously The Northern California Newspaper Guild)

\* One (1) shall be an educational reading specialist recommended by the Superintendent of Schools of the San Francisco Unified School District.

> One (1) shall be the City Attorney, or his/her designee, as an ex-officio member and shall have a voice but no vote in committee proceedings.

Each appointive member shall be a registered San Francisco voter, shall possess an understanding of ballot issues, and shall possess writing skills and training which provide for a high capability in written communication to the general public.

The term of each appointive member shall be two years unless earlier removed by their

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respective appointing authority. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its appointive members and the chair shall be for the calendar year.

The Committee shall have the power and duty to: 1) prepare a digest of each measure that will be voted on only in the City and County of San Francisco; and 2) assist the Director of Elections in preparing the additional materials set forth in Elections Code, Article V (Elections Materials mailed to the Voter).

Reports: A Digest for each local measure that will be voted on during an election in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sunset Date: None.

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