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Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to require that candidates for local elective office file their declaration of candidacy on the same date as they file their

declaration of intention to accept or solicit campaign contributions.

[Municipal Elections Code - Deadline for Filing Declaration of Candidacy]

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

Section 1. The Municipal Elections Code is hereby amended by adding a Section 201 and revising Sections 110, 210, 230, and 810, to read as follows:

#### SEC. 110. DEFINITIONS.

Whenever the following terms are used in this Municipal Elections Code, these definitions shall apply:

- (a) "City elective office" shall mean the offices of Mayor, Member of the Board of Supervisors, City Attorney, District Attorney, Treasurer, Sheriff, Assessor, Public Defender, Member of the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District and Member of the Governing Board of the San Francisco Community College District.
- (b) "Measure" means an ordinance, charter amendment, referendum, recall, declaration of policy, or bond measure that will be voted on only in the City and County of San Francisco.

"Nomination papers" has the same meaning as in the California Elections Code, as it may be amended from time to time, except that "Nomination papers" does not include the declaration of candidacy.

- (c) "Signed and sworn statement" means a statement signed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that includes the original signature of the signer.

  Facsimile or electronically produced or reproduced signatures are not original signatures for purposes of this Article.
- (d) "Voter" means an individual who is registered to vote in the City and County of San Francisco.

### SEC. 201. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY.

- (a) Each candidate for any City elective office shall file the candidate's declaration of candidacy on the same date the candidate files the declaration of intent to become a candidate required by subsection (a) of Section 1.122 of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code.
- (b) If a member of a board, commission, or other body established by the Charter, other than a citizen advisory committee, has, at the time of the effective date of the ordinance in Board of

  Supervisors File No. 181029 enacting this Section 201, already filed a declaration of intent to become a candidate for any City elective office, that member shall, within 30 days of the aforementioned ordinance, file a declaration of candidacy for that City elective office.
- (c) Failure to file a declaration of candidacy as required by this subsection (b) Section 201 shall preclude the member from appearing on the ballot as a candidate for the City elective office referenced in the declaration of intent.

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#### SEC. 210. USE OF LEGAL NAMES BY CANDIDATES.

- (a) Any candidate for municipal office filing nomination papers <u>and a declaration of</u> candidacy shall do so under the candidate's legal name.
- (b) A candidate's legal name is the name given at birth, or established by marriage, general usage or habit, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction. A candidate's legal name may include a nickname, a combination of initials, full names, or individual letters or numerals.
- (c) If a candidate changes his or her legal name within one year of any election, the candidate shall not file nomination papers <u>or a declaration of candidacy</u> under the candidate's new name unless the new name was established by marriage or divorce, or by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction.

## SEC. 230. FILING FEES; SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES.

- (a) Except where the Charter or this Code provides otherwise, the applicable provisions of Division 8, Part 1, Chapter 1 of the California Elections Code shall govern the collection, submission, and processing of signatures in lieu of filing fees.
- (b) Each candidate shall pay to the Director of Elections at the time of filing the candidate's *declaration of candidacy and* nomination certificates the fee specified in Section 810 of this Code.
- (c) In lieu of part or all of the filing fee, a candidate may submit to the Director of Elections signatures of voters registered in San Francisco. Each signature submitted shall reduce the fee by the amount specified in Section 840 of this Code. Each in-lieu petition shall include spaces for the voter's signature, printed name, and residence address. The residence address shall include street and number within the City and County, or other adequate designation of residence so that the location may be readily ascertained. Across the top of

each printed page there shall be printed in 12-point boldface type the following: "Petition in Lieu of Candidate Filing Fee."

(d) A candidate may submit a greater number of signatures than required to reduce the filing fee to zero. The Director of Elections shall not be required to determine the validity of a greater number of signatures than that required to reduce the filing fee to zero. If the number of signatures affixed to an in-lieu petition is 100 or more, the Director of Elections may use a random sampling technique for verification of the signatures. The random sampling shall include an examination of 100 signatures, or *three percent* 3% of the total number of signatures submitted, whichever is greater. Upon completion of the verification of signatures in the sample, the percentage of signatures which are valid shall be applied and projected to the total number of signatures submitted.

## SEC. 810. CANDIDATE FILING FEES.

- (a) Except as provided in <u>Scubsection</u> (b), at the time a candidate files his or her <u>declaration of candidacy and</u> nomination certificates the candidate shall pay to the Department of Elections a sum equal to \$2,000 or <u>two percent</u> <u>2%</u> of the current annual salary for the office to which the candidate seeks election, whichever is greater.
- (b) At the time a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District, or the Governing Board of the San Francisco Community College District files his or her declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall pay \$500 to the Department of Elections.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

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### REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Board, 12/11/2018)

[Municipal Elections Code - Deadline for Filing Declaration of Candidacy]

Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to require that candidates for local elective office file their declaration of candidacy on the same date as they file their declaration of intention to accept or solicit campaign contributions.

#### **Existing Law**

At the July 2018 election, San Francisco voters adopted Proposition B, a Charter amendment providing that any member of a board, commission, or other body established by the Charter other than a citizens' advisory committee, must immediately forfeit his or her seat on the board, commission, or body upon filing a declaration of candidacy for any State or local elective office.

Under Section 205 of the Municipal Elections Code, candidates for Mayor and the Board of Supervisors must file "nomination papers" no later than the 147th day before a municipal election and no earlier than the 172nd day. Candidates for all other City elective offices must file their "nomination papers" no later than the 88th day before the election. "Nomination papers" include a declaration of candidacy, in which the candidate must attest that he or she satisfies the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office.

The City's campaign finance law provides that before a candidate for local elective office solicits or accepts campaign contributions, that candidate must file a declaration of intent with the Department of Elections.

#### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would require candidates for local elective office to file their declaration of candidacy on the same date as they file their declaration of intention to accept or solicit campaign contributions.

This ordinance provides that if a member of a board, commission, or other body established by this Charter, other than a citizen advisory committee, has, at the time of the effective date of this ordinance, already filed a declaration of intent to become a candidate for any City elective office, that member shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this ordinance file a declaration of candidacy.

Failure to file a declaration of candidacy as provided in this ordinance would preclude the individual from appearing on the ballot as a candidate for the City elective office referenced in the declaration of intent.

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# MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

∼Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

Rules Committee

DATE:

November 13, 2018

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor {Name} on {Date Introduced}:

File No. 181029

Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to require that candidates for local elective office file their declaration of candidacy on the same date as they file their declaration of intention to accept or solicit campaign contributions.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: <a href="mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org">alisa.somera@sfgov.org</a>.

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