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ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Board Qualifications:

The Elections Commission consists of seven members, one of whom is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is broadly representative of the general public. The composition of the other members are as follows: one member appointed by the Mayor; the City Attorney, the Public Defender, the District Attorney, the Treasurer, and the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. The member appointed by the Mayor shall have a background in the electoral process. The member appointed by the City Attorney shall have a background in elections law. The member appointed by the Treasurer shall have a background in financial management. The members appointed by the District Attorney, Public Defender, the Board of Education of SFUSD shall be broadly representative of the general public.

Term of Office: The Commission members shall serve five-year terms. No person appointed as a Commission member may serve as such for more than two successive five-year terms. Any person appointed as a commission member to complete more than two and one half years of a five-year term shall be deemed to have served one full term. In the event a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority who appointed the member vacating the office shall appoint a qualified person to complete the remainder of the term. All members initially appointed shall take office on January 1, 2002.

The Elections Commission shall oversee all public federal, state, district and municipal elections in the City and County. The Commission shall set general policies for the Department of Elections and shall be responsible for the proper administration of the general practices of the

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Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provision of the Charter. These duties shall include but not be limited to approving written plans prior to each election, submitted by the Director of Elections, detailing the policies, procedures, and personnel that will be used to conduct the election as well as an assessment of how well the plan succeeded in carrying out a free, fair and functional election. See Charter for restrictions on membership.

Sunset Date: None

Reports: None referenced.
