



Legislation Text

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An Ordinance amending section 2.16.010 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code regarding the Dates Designated for Municipal Elections within the City, in order to consolidate municipal elections with statewide elections, as required by Senate Bill 415.

WHEREAS, Section 2.16.010 (“General municipal elections designated.”) of the South San Francisco Municipal Code (“Municipal Code”) sets forth the date on which the city’s general municipal elections shall be held; and

WHEREAS, following the enactment of Senate Bill 415, all California cities with municipal elections held in a year that was not concurrent with statewide elections and resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout must align its municipal elections with the statewide elections beginning in 2018 or have a plan in place to do so by 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to align the city’s general municipal elections with statewide elections beginning in 2018 in order to comply with Senate Bill 415.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

The City Council hereby amends Section 2.16.010 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code to read as follows. Section and subsections that are not amended by this Ordinance are not included below, and shall remain in full force and effect.

2.16.010 General municipal elections designated.

Prior to January 1, 2018, the general municipal election of the city shall be held on the same day as the date of the school district elections as set forth in Section 1302 of the Elections Code.

After January 1, 2018, the general municipal elections of the city shall be consolidated with the statewide election date in accordance with sections 1301, 10000 to 10735, and 14050 to 14057 of the Elections Code, as amended. The terms for the local elected officials that are scheduled to end in 2017 and 2019 are hereby extended by 12 months. As used in this section, “12 months” means the period between the day upon which the term of office would otherwise have commenced and the first Tuesday after the second Monday in the 12th month before or after that day, inclusive.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end,

provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council of the City of South San Francisco hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be published once, with the names of those City Councilmembers voting for or against it, in the Examiner, the Court declared newspaper of general circulation in the City of South San Francisco, as required by law, and shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its adoption.

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