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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

[Charter - Compensation of Board of Education members]

A proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco at an election to be held on November 8, 2011, by amending Section 8.100, to authorize the Board of Education to set the compensation for its members, not to exceed one-half the annual salary of a first-year teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District, and to establish training and professional development requirements for Board members.

Existing Law

The Charter currently sets the compensation for members of the Board of Education at \$500 per month, paid for by the Unified School District out of its own budget.

There are no training or professional development requirements for members of the Board of Education in the Charter.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Charter to authorize the Board of Education to set the compensation for its members, but that compensation could not exceed one-half the annual base salary paid to a first-year teacher in the Unified School District.

The proposal would require new Board members to complete the California School Boards Foundation's New and First-Time Board Members Institute or equivalent training within six months of taking office. If a Board member did not do so, the Unified School District could not pay the Board member more than a monthly stipend of \$500 until the member completed the training. All Board members would also have to complete at least 10 hours of professional development activities each year.

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This version of the proposed Charter amendment (File No. 110181) differs from the alternate version (File No. 101493) in the following ways:

Compensation

File No. 101493 keeps the amount of compensation paid to Board of Education members in the City Charter. But it raises the amount to one-half the salary of a first-year teacher, plus an annual cost-of-living adjustment not to exceed 5 percent. Only the voters could change this compensation.

File No. 110181 authorizes the Board of Education to set the compensation for its members. The amendment would allow, but not require, the Board to change the compensation when it deems appropriate, but the Board could not set the compensation higher than one-half the salary of a first-year teacher.

Source of Funding

File No. 101493 requires the City to appropriate sufficient funds to the Unified School District to pay for the compensation provided to members of the Board of Education. The City's obligation to appropriate funds would end when the State repaid the District for any outstanding Proposition 98 shortfalls.

File No. 110181 does not include any requirement that the City appropriate funds to the Unified School District for these purposes. The School District would continue to pay for the compensation provided to members of the Board of Education out of its own budget.