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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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[Charter Amendment - Municipal Transportation Agency - Appointments to Board of Directors and Budget Process]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to split the power to make appointments to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, to lower the vote by which the Board of Supervisors may reject the SFMTA Budget from seven to six, and to make related changes implementing these amendments.

Existing Law

The City's Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is run by a 7-member Board of Directors. The Mayor appoints all 7 directors, but the Mayor's appointments must be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

The SFMTA submits a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors. The Board may accept or reject, but not modify, the proposed budget. If the Board rejects the proposed budget, it must act by 7 votes. The regular number of votes required for the Board to act is 6 votes.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is a Charter amendment that would make two changes to how the SFMTA is run. First, it would split the power to appoint SFMTA Directors between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor would nominate four members to the Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the full Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors would nominate three members.

Second, the proposal would change the number of votes needed for the Board of Supervisors to reject the SFMTA's proposed budget from 7 votes to 6 votes. And the proposal would require the Board to adopt findings explaining its decision if it rejected the proposed budget.

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The Second Draft corrects a spelling error contained in the First Draft.

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