

Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on July 26, 2010
Election Day Voter Registration *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now: State law requires individuals to register to vote at least days before an election. Those who become U.S. citizens after the 15-day deadline may register to vote up to 7 days before an election.

San Francisco holds municipal elections in odd-numbered years. At these elections, voters elect local candidates and approve or reject local ballot measures. San Francisco also conducts federal, state and district elections. These elections usually occur in even-numbered years and they often include local measures or candidates as well as federal, state and district measures and candidates.

The same voter registration deadlines and procedures apply to all elections.

The Proposal: Proposition __ would amend the Charter to establish "Election Day Voter Registration" for municipal elections. There would be no advance registration deadline for these elections. San Francisco residents who are eligible to vote could register on election day, or anytime before the election, and cast a ballot in that election.

The 15-day registration deadline would continue to apply to all federal, state and district elections.

Proposition __ would also allow San Francisco to establish other local voter registration procedures for municipal elections.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to establish Election Day voter registration for municipal elections and allow San Francisco to establish other voter registration procedures for municipal elections.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make this change.

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