

Ballot Simplification Committee

Election Day Voter Registration

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The Way It Is Now: State law requires individuals to register to vote at least 15 days before an election. Those who become U.S. citizens after the 15-day deadline may register to vote at least seven 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 combined federal, state, municipal and district elections. These elections usually occur in even-numbered years and may include:

- candidates for federal and state offices,
- state ballot measures,
- local ballot measures and candidates.

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

The Proposal: Proposition E would amend the Charter to establish "Election Day Voter Registration" specifically 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 combined federal, state, municipal and district elections.

A “YES” Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to establish Election Day voter registration specifically for municipal elections.

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

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