

**Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Wednesday, July 28, 2010**  
**Health Service Board Elections** *(working title only, subject to change)*

**The Way It Is Now:** The City's Health Service Board oversees the Health Service System, which offers medical and dental benefits to officers, employees and retirees of the City and County of San Francisco, Community College District and Unified School District.

The Health Service Board has seven members:

- Four members elected by officers, employees, and retirees who are members of the Health Service System;
- Two members appointed by the Mayor; and
- One member of the Board of Supervisors, appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors.

Each Health Service Board member serves a five year term. The terms of elected Board members are staggered so that each Board member is elected at a separate election. The Health Service Board conducts these elections by mail and holds them four out of every five years.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_ would amend the Charter to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections by shifting terms so that members would be elected in pairs. Beginning in 2014, a pair of Health Service Board members would be elected two out of every five years.

To accomplish this shift, the term that begins in 2011 would be shortened to three years and would expire in 2014. The term that begins in 2013 would be shortened to two years and would expire in 2015. All future terms would remain five years.

**A “YES” Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections by shifting terms so that members would be elected in pairs.

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

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