

Ballot Simplification Committee
Health Service Board Elections

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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, San Francisco Community College District and San Francisco Unified School District.

The Health Service Board has seven members:

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

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

The Proposal: Proposition F would amend the Charter to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections by shifting terms so that two members would be elected at the same time. Beginning in 2014, two elections would be held every five years, instead of four elections.

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 reduce the number of Health Service Board elections to two every five years instead of four.

A “NO” Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to reduce the number of Health Service Board elections to two every five years instead of four.

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