

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Health Service Board Terms And Elections.

Existing Law

Under Charter section 12.200, four out of the seven Health Service Board members are elected for five-year terms. The terms are staggered over a five-year period with one Health Service Board member being elected in each election.

Amendments to Current Law

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Background Information

Currently the Health Service System spends approximately \$75,000 per election, and this number has been increasing with each new election. By filling two Health Service Board seats in one election, the Health Service System will save approximately \$150,000 over a five-year period, or \$30,000 per year.