

Legislation Text

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: Diane C Fridley, Registrar of Voters

DATE: May 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Consideration of Resolution Approving the Election Date Change for Governing Board Members of Lake County School Districts from Odd-Numbered Years to the Same Day as the Statewide General Election held in Even-Numbered Years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In response to the "California Voter Participation Rights Act, SB 415" signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 1, 2015, which requires districts with regularly scheduled odd-year elections with at least 25% less than the average turnout of previous four statewide general elections to adopt a plan to change to the same day as the Statewide General Election held in even-numbered years; the Lake County School Districts enumerated in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution have complied with the requirements of SB 415.

The Kelseyville Unified School District, Lakeport Unified School District, Lucerne Elementary School District, and the Upper Lake Unified School District ("Lake County School Districts" enumerated in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution) Board of Trustees' adopted a resolution requesting the Lake County Board of Supervisors to consider changing each of the Lake County School District's Governing Board Member Elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years and your Board accepted each and every Lake County School District's Resolutions at your regular meeting on March 7, 2017.

Elections Code §10404.5 requires your Board to approve the attached Resolution no later than May 2, 2017, within 60 days of submission of each School District's Resolution, changing each of the Lake County School Districts' Governing Board Member Election Date to even-numbered years commencing with the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election since the Registrar of Voters has determined that the change of election date will not cause the ballot layout, computer capacity or computer equipment to be exceeded with the consolidation of the Lake County School Districts' Governing Board Member Elections.

FISCAL IMPACT: X None Budgeted Non-Budgeted Estimated Cost: Amount Budgeted: Additional Requested: Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

Each of the Lake County School Districts will be required to pay for any additional costs the Registrar of Voters office incurs as a result of a School District's consolidation with the Statewide General Election. School district candidate names are only printed on the ballot if there are more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled on the board of trustees. When the number of candidates to be elected does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, there is no election held for governing board members and the remaining members of the board of trustees appoint the nominees in lieu of holding an election during the School District's annual organization meeting. Consequently, the fiscal impact is unknown as this time.

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that your Board approve the attached resolution titled "Resolution Approving the Election Date Change for Governing Board Members of Lake County School Districts from Odd-Numbered Years to the Same Day as the Statewide General Election Held in Even-Numbered Years" at this meeting. Following your Board's approval of this Resolution, the Registrar of Voters office is required to notify all registered voters residing within the boundaries of each of the Lake County School Districts enumerated in Exhibit "A" by mail affected by the change of election date at the expense of each of the Lake County School Districts.