



COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: March 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Districts to even year elections

SUMMARY:

Districts may submit a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to establish an election day to occur on the same date as the Statewide General Election, (Elections Code 10404). The resolution must be submitted not later than March 12, 2017, 240 day prior to the date of the currently scheduled district election.

The Districts met the deadline, submitting resolutions on February 13, 2017. As required by law, the Clerk to the Board has sent a notice to all districts located in the County, advising them of the receipt of the resolution and asking for their input.

The Resolutions shall become operative upon approval by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Elections Code section 10404. This code section states that "the Board of Supervisors...shall approve the resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or material cannot be handled".

IMPACT/COST ANALYSIS:

The Elections Code allows, prior to the adoption of a resolution to either approve or deny a consolidation request, the Board of Supervisors shall obtain from the elections official a report of the cost-effectiveness of the proposed action. The even-year General statewide elections currently have over 42 local entities eligible to go to election, along with federal, state and county offices. In November 2014 only 16 of these local entities went to election, this varies from each election, the balance of the entities being either appointed in lieu of election or eligible for appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

Election law requires ballots to be created based on geographic areas grouping together voters who vote on the same races. In November 2015 El Dorado County had 70 different versions of the ballot, or styles. Different styles spread out the amount of

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racers on each ballot card which allows the County to permit local entities to go to election in even-year General elections. For this reason, based on the above information, El Dorado County could accommodate the District's request to move their elections to even years.

The State of California now requires all state propositions to be placed only on the General even-year election ballot. The November 2014 ballot was 14" long, if the Districts were on the November 2014 ballot it would have pushed two ballot styles to an 18" ballot. An 18" ballot takes 30% more time to process through the optical scan ballot tabulating system.

The addition of more races to the even year General election ballot will increase the overall cost of the election. However, all entities going to election pay their pro-rata share of the election costs, thereby providing offsetting revenue to the net County cost of the election.

Within 30 days after your Board's approval, all registered voters of the District's will be notified of the approval. Notification expenses will be paid by the District, as authorized in the Resolution.