

Resolution No. 2016/17-06: Change of Election Day of the Dixie School District Board of Education and Requesting the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marin to Authorize Consolidation with the November Election During Even-Numbered Years

Background:

- School districts generally hold elections in odd-numbered years (non-General Election years); school district elections are often the only races or measures on a given ballot
- SB 415 – The California Voter Participation Rights Act was signed into law in 2015 and takes effect January 1, 2018
 - Prohibits entities from holding an election in an odd-numbered year if that election results in a significant decrease in voter turnout
 - If school board election turnout is at least 25% less than the average turnout for the previous 4 statewide general elections
 - Election cycle change results in extended term for county board members of one year

Advantages/Disadvantages/Considerations

- Potential savings for district – converting to a statewide election could reduce election costs
- Potential litigation for non-compliance - law enables a voter in that district to file a lawsuit against the district
- Extends election cycle for Board members by one year

Implementation:

- No action for school districts already on an even-year election cycle
- Analyze election data
- Recommended options for consideration
 - Change election cycle for 2017 election (must file resolution with Board of Supervisors by March 10, 2017)
 - Change election cycle for future election (not later than November 8, 2022)
 - Adopt a “SB 415 Plan” prior to January 1, 2018

Important Deadlines:

- **March 10, 2017** – deadline to file District Board resolution with Board of Supervisors to change the November 2017 election to 2018
- **January 1, 2018** – deadline to complete a “Plan” for implementation if beyond 2018 election
- **November 8, 2022** – Latest election for Plan to be fully implemented

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