



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel

Meeting Date: March 22, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 20 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff Regarding an Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.8 - Terms of Members Appointed to Boards and Commissions to the Mendocino County Code, Setting Member Term Length for Various Bodies, Including the Mental Health Citizen's Oversight Committee
(Sponsor: County Counsel)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Provide direction to Counsel and Behavioral Health regarding the draft Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.8 - Terms of Members Appointed to Boards and Commissions to the Mendocino County Code.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On August 1, 2017, the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No. 4387, which was then submitted for voter approval as "Measure B." On January 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors appointed current members to the Mental Health Treatment Act Oversight Committee. On September 1, 2020, the Board appointed Supervisors Williams and Haschak as a Measure B Ad Hoc Committee to work with Measure B Staff and the Measure B Committee.

Summary of Request:

The Measure B ad hoc committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors has identified a need for clarification of the term length for appointees to the Mental Health Citizen's Oversight Committee. Per Ordinance No. 4387, five members of that committee are appointed by the Mendocino County Supervisors. The Ordinance, however, does not specify the length of these appointments, the method by which an incoming supervisor may make a new appointment, or the process for removing an existing committee member. Consequently, clarifying rules are needed.

At the request of the ad hoc, County Counsel has prepared a draft ordinance that would specify the terms and removal process for any appointee to a board, commission, or other Mendocino County body. This draft was written to only apply to those bodies for which no terms have otherwise been established. Counsel has provided a rough guess as to what the Board might prefer, but additional direction will be necessary regarding term length, process for removal, and whether new supervisors will be empowered to replace prior appointees.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Date: March 22, 2021

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

