

Supplemental Statement of Reasons

This document explains the purpose of the amendments that were made available during the 15-day comment period conducted from August 16, 2016 to September 1, 2016, and the 15-day comment period conducted from September 1, 2016 to September 16, 2016.

PURPOSE

Section 554.2(d): Technical, clarifying amendments. Made “trademarks” plural to reference multiple trademarks CalPERS may have.

Section 554.3(b)(6): Technical, clarifying amendments. Amended to correctly reference section 554.5(d).

Section 554.3(d): Language referencing the candidate statement arbitration process was erroneously removed in the originally proposed language. The language was reinserted.

Section 554.4(a): Clarifying amendments stating that the ballot designation will appear on the online and telephone ballots, in addition to the paper ballot.

Section 554.4(a)(3): Formatting corrections. “Ballot Designation” was capitalized for consistency.

Section 554.5(b): Previous language was vague and caused confusion regarding suggested candidate contact information on the Nomination Petition. The amendments remove confusion by only listing the required contact information when submitting a nomination petition.

Section 554.5(c): Replaced “the System” with “CalPERS” for consistency.

Section 554.5(f)(4): Previous language caused confusion regarding what the Board may determine a requirement on the Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation form. The amendment removes the ambiguous language and adds that candidates must state their job classification or job classification at retirement when completing the Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation. All required items on this form are listed in section 554.5(f).

Section 554.6(a): Technical, clarifying amendments. Removed duplicate language to reduce confusion.

Section 554.6(c): Originally proposed language caused confusion regarding deadlines. Amended language clarifies that any deadline that falls on a weekend or holiday will be extended to the next working day.

Section 554.7(a): Added language to clarify that online/telephone voting instructions will be mailed to eligible voters.

Section 554.7(a): Removed language that allowed voters to sign the perjury statement on the ballot envelope. Voters submitting a paper ballot will sign the perjury statement on the ballot.

Section 554.7(a): Removed the originally proposed language regarding online and telephone voting and replaced it with more comprehensive language outlining the required steps to submit an online or telephone vote.

Section 554.8(a): Originally proposed language caused confusions by allowing the Election Coordinator to select the method of balloting. Amended language clarifies the provisions by removing unnecessary language and clearly stating that the following list defines invalid ballots that shall not be counted.

Section 554.8(a)(2): Removed language referencing the perjury statement on the ballot envelope to comply with updated language in Section 554.7(a). Voters will not have the option to sign the ballot envelope and must sign the ballot.

Section 554.8(a)(3): Language was added to clarify that only one vote per voter will be counted. The first ballot received is the only valid ballot.

Section 554.8(a)(6): Subdivision was removed to avoid confusion. All potential invalid ballot situations have already been listed.

Section 554.8(b): Amendments clearly outline the voting and tabulation process. These amendments clarify that paper ballots are only scanned initially to prevent voters from submitting multiple ballots through the online and telephone voting methods. Tabulation of all ballots will occur on the date specified on the Notice of Election.

Section 554.9(b): Technical, clarifying amendments. The word “Board” was capitalized for consistency.

Section 554.10(b): Technical, clarifying amendments. This amendment clarifies that a recount may be requested after primary election, runoff election, or both.