



# Napa County

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## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John Tuteur, Registrar of Voters  
**REPORT BY:** John Tuteur, Registrar of Voters  
**SUBJECT:** Introduce an Ordinance to Amend Napa County Code, Chapter 1, Article 1.08 to Allow Updating of Supervisorial District Boundaries by Resolution

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

SET MATTER 9:30 AM - 20 Minutes

Introduction and intention to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 1.08 (Supervisorial Districts) of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Napa County Code, by adding a new Section 1.08.100 to allow for the establishment of supervisorial districts by resolution, and deleting Sections 1.08.010 through 1.08.080 of the Code, which set forth the current supervisorial district boundaries based on the 2010 federal census, effective upon passage of a resolution establishing new supervisorial district boundaries.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The redistricting process has traditionally occurred over multiple months, but, because of delays in the 2020 federal census data, the timeline for redistricting in 2021 is compressed. The Legislature has accordingly amended Elections Code Section 21500, effective September 27, 2021, to allow counties to adopt new district boundaries either by ordinance or resolution. Adoption of supervisor district boundaries by resolution is a more streamlined process than adoption by ordinance and will provide greater flexibility for the Registrar of Voters and the County Surveyor to implement new boundaries.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff presents the item;
2. Receive public comments; and
3. Motion, second, discussion, and vote on intention to adopt the ordinance.

## **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No  
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Collaborative and Engaged Community Effective and Open Government

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Elections Code Section 21500 was amended effective September 27, 2021 to allow counties to adopt new district boundaries by ordinance or resolution. Typically, ordinance adoption takes a minimum of 60 days, and at least 2 hearings. The redistricting process has traditionally occurred over multiple months, but, because of delays in the federal census data, the timeline for redistricting in 2021 by December 15, 2021 is compressed. Adoption of supervisor boundaries by resolution is more streamlined than adoption by ordinance and will provide greater flexibility for the Registrar of Voters and the County Surveyor to implement new boundaries.

The proposed Ordinance adds a new Section 1.08.100 to Chapter 1.08 of the Napa County, stating that district boundaries may be established by resolution and that said resolution shall be published and available on the County website during the time such supervisorial districts are in effect. The proposed Ordinance also provides that Sections 1.08.010 through 1.08.080 of Chapter 1.08 of Title 1 of the Napa County Code, which set forth the current supervisorial district boundaries based on the 2010 federal census, will be repealed when the Board of Supervisors adopts new district boundaries via resolution.