



# County of Fresno

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 18-0886, **Version:** 1

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**DATE:** September 11, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bernice E. Seidel, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Liberty Water District, Mid Valley Water District, Raisin City Water District, and Stinson Water District Request to Move from Odd Year to Even Year Elections

### RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve Liberty Water District, Mid Valley Water District, Raisin City Water District, and Stinson Water District request to move from odd to even-numbered year elections and set the date for the Districts' elections to occur on the same day as the Statewide General Election.**

The Districts request to move their election year from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. The Elections Code requires the Board of Supervisors to notify districts and request input from these districts on the requested election date change.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, the Districts could still be required to change their elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years elections. Election law has changed regarding odd year district elections. With the passing of Senate Bill (SB) 415, special districts will be required to have elections on statewide election dates by 2022, unless the district meets a voter turnout threshold formula.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action.

### DISCUSSION:

These Districts have filed Resolutions with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' requesting the consolidation of their district election with the Statewide General election. The following Districts request the move from odd-numbered year to even-numbered year elections in accordance with Election Code 10404:

- Liberty Water District
- Mid Valley Water District
- Raisin City Water District
- Stinson Water District

The Resolutions shall become operative upon approval by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Election Code sections 10404 (e). 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 materials cannot be handled". Prior to approval of the Resolutions submitted by the Districts, Election Code section 10404 (c) requires the Board of Supervisors to notify all districts of the receipt of the resolution to

consolidate and shall request input from each district on the effect of the consolidation. All districts were notified by letter on August 1, 2018 of the District's consolidation requests with instructions to provide their comments to the Clerk of the Board by August 24, 2018. Comments received by the Clerk of the Board will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or before September 11, 2018.

Within 30 days after your Board's approval, the Districts will be notified of this approval, with the request that they notify the voters of the district.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Liberty Water District Resolution No. 2018-01  
On file with Clerk - Mid Valley Water District Resolution No. 2018-01  
On file with Clerk - Raisin City Water District Resolution No. 2018-01  
On file with Clerk - Stinson Water District Resolution No. 2018-01

CAO ANALYST:

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