LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ON POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES

San Francisco has eighteen local elected officials: Mayor, Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Treasurer, and the eleven members of the Board of Supervisors.

State political parties often have local chapters that are run by county central committees. County central committees may engage in political activities such as registering voters or endorsing candidates and ballot measures. The California Elections Code recognizes the following state political parties: the Democratic Party of California, the California Republican Party, the American Independent Party of California, the Peace and Freedom Party of California, and the Green Party of California.

Currently, a local elected official may also serve on a political party county central committee.

The measure would amend San Francisco's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code to prohibit local elected officials from also serving on a county central committee for a political party recognized under the California Elections Code. Local elected officials who violate this provision could be subject to civil, criminal, and administrative penalties, including suspension and removal from office.