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## Civil Service Issue For County Employees On November Ballot

An initiative petition seeking civil service for county employees will go on the November 2 general election ballot, by action of the board of supervisors yesterday.

On accepting petitions bearing well over the required number of signatures to bring the issue before the people, the supervisors did not express any enthusiasm.

Supervisor C. B. Harts was outspoken in his expression against the measure. Questioning the advantage of having the 12-page proposed ordinance read, Harts observed, "As I understand, there's nothing we can do to change it; we're just here to put it on the ballot."

Asked by Deputy County Clerk Emma Rodhouse how the supervisors want the measure on the ballot, Harts volunteered, "As far as I'm concerned I don't want it."

"I think it is clear enough the board is not in favor of it," Supervisor Alvin Gregory remarked. "It is our duty only to place it on the ballot. It is an initiative measure."

Harry Graham of the California Taxpayers association spoke up from the floor to maintain the wording for vote on the initiative measure was prescribed by law. Graham, who previously has questioned legality of the proposal, agreed with District Attorney June D. Borina that the board cannot go into that now.

At Mrs. Rodhouse's suggestion, the supervisors agreed to direct the clerk to place the measure on the ballot this week, and to pass on wording prepared by Miss Borina next week.

Before voting with the other supervisors present in favor of the resolution, Harts again stated his position as "definitely opposed" to installation of a county civil service system. He insisted it would raise costs of county government and "tie the hands of management in endeavoring for the efficiency of the county."

The issue cropped up again during the board session when Graham asked to see a copy of the proposed civil service measure, to compare recent changes in it with the one he reviewed, and raised objections about, more than a month ago.

As he took it to his chair for study, Gregory observed, "I'm sure the signers of these petitions never took the trouble to read the proposed ordinance."

There were 4249 valid signatures on the civil service initiative petitions turned over to the board yesterday.

As for Graham's previously voiced objections, principally that it might illegally delegate board of supervisors' powers to the civil service commission which would be created, Gary Smith, county employees association civil service committee chairman, asserted today, "We have checked this with people we consider experts in their field and they have raised no objections."

Miss Borina, at the direction of the board, has submitted the proposal to the attorney general's office for review.

Board Chairman Phil Rowe, after the board meeting yesterday, said he personally would not advocate or oppose the measure. "If the people want it, let them have it," was his stand. He pointed out, though, that "I'm just one board member."

## Polio Fund \$11,288

Total donations to the emergency March of Dimes from Santa Cruz county people mounted to \$11,288 today, General Drive Chairman Walter Bettencourt reported.

Bettencourt noted that, while response to the emergency appeal for polio-fighting funds has been good so far, only about 25 per cent of those who received mail calls for help in the county have returned their envelopes with contributions.

He called on all those who have put their envelopes aside to take care of later to get them in the mail as soon as possible.

Special MOD benefit events slated for the end of this week, as the campaign here to help replenish the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis funds for the rest of this year winds up, include the "Town's Teens Tangle" at the Caribbean ballroom Friday night and a three-day bowling tourney at the Santa Cruz and Capitola Bowls, which starts Friday afternoon.