

Resolutions and ordinances may only be introduced by a member after consideration by a committee unless immediate action is required. Section 2.04.280 C. of the county code. An example of legislation requiring immediate action is authorizing a grant application where the deadline falls before the next scheduled county board meeting.

Board members interested in proposing legislation should contact corporation counsel and provide any background information they have acquired, noting specific information they feel should definitely be included. Corporation counsel can assist in identifying the governing committee, determining whether a resolution or ordinance is more appropriate, identifying potential legal obstacles and suggest alternatives, identifying staff who may have relevant information or expertise and provide drafting assistance.

If the governing committee does not take affirmative action on the proposed legislation the individual supervisor may propose the legislation. It will be referred on first reading to the governing committee and then voted on after governing committee review.