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SCENARIOS:

- Strong appointed Executive
- Strong elected Executive
- Executive Branch-3 commissioners (as is)
- Executive Branch-5 commissioners –regionally elected, non partisan
- Merge County Commissioners with Assembly to create new Legislative Branch
- Do not merge-keep Assembly as is
- Reduce size of Assembly-regional “at large” delegates

STRONG SINGLE EXECUTIVE

- PROS
 - Single voice
 - Articulate vision
- CONS
 - Nonelected
 - Accountable to only the appointing body

EXECUTIVE BRANCH – REMAINING AS IT

- PROS
 - If it ain't broke...
 - Clear charter delineation
 - Checks and balances
- CONS
 - Quorum issues
 - Not efficient
 - Not transparent

EXECUTIVE BRANCH-EXPANDING

- PROS
 - 3 to 5
 - Nonpartisan
 - Staggered terms
 - More regional representation to deal with regional issues
 - Improved transparency
 - Diversity of opinion

- Board of Selectmen model
- CHANGE NAME
- More leadership
- More efficient
- CONS
 - More powerful
 - Less checks and balances
 - Less citizen involvement
 - Too small a body for the large issues facing the Cape (reduces big decisions to 5 votes)
 - Change will affect Cape Cod Commission Charter

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-REMAINING AS IS

- PROS:
 - If it ain't broke....
 - Deliberative process
 - Slows down government
- CONS: Weighted vote-is it fair?
 - Slows down government
 - Parochial-interest in one town over interest of the County as a whole

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-ELIMINATION / MERGE

- PROS
 - Streamline
 - Concentrate power
 - Regionalization to deal with regional issues
- CONS
 - Concentrate power
 - Disenfranchise towns
 - Large issues need more input
 - Less citizen involvement
 - Change will affect CCC Charter (created with understanding that acts would require approval of 15 delegates)
 - Need checks and balances

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-REGIONAL

(Change name to Barnstable County Representatives or Barnstable County Councilors)

- PROS:
 - Government scholars trend towards "at large" representation
 - Regional issues need regional representation
 - Discourages log rolling/back scratching

- **CONS**

- Discourages public participation
- Inability to “know your rep”
- Voters need as much representation is possible in dealing with large impact issues

OTHER ISSUES:

Cross pollination with other County entites

Recall

Advisory Committee

Partisan or nonpartisan

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