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

• 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 entities

Recall

Advisory Committee

Partisan or nonpartisan

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