

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Two Thousand Seventeen

Proposed Ordinance 17-14

We, the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates petition the legislature to approve and place on the ballot at the next biennial state election a restructuring of the current County Government model to effect the following changes in the Executive Branch model:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: The executive powers of the Cape Cod regional government (Barnstable County) shall be exercised by a board of regional commissioners consisting of five members. Each member shall be elected from one of (5) five districts of Barnstable County.

THE CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT KNOWN AS BARNSTABLE COUNTY hereby ordains:

To amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter Article 3: Section 3-1 and 3-9 as follows

ARTICLE 3 – EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 3-1. Board of Regional Commissioners

Delete sentence

(a) Composition, Term of Office – The executive powers of the Cape Cod regional government shall be exercised by a board of regional commissioners consisting of three members.

Substitute with sentences

(a) Composition, Term of Office – The executive powers of the Cape Cod regional government shall be exercised by a board of regional commissioners consisting of five members. One member of the board of regional commissioners shall be elected by and from the voters in each of five districts representing approximately twenty percent of the population of Barnstable County. Any voter of the district from which election is sought shall be eligible to hold the office of commissioner who at the time of election has been a resident of the district for a period of one year or more. A commissioner who during a term of office moves from the district from which elected shall forthwith be deemed to have resigned and the office shall be declared vacant by the remaining members of the board of regional commissioners.

Section 3-9. Vacancy in Office of Board of Regional Commissioners

Delete sentences

If a vacancy occurs in the office of member of the board of regional commissioners during the term for which a member is chosen, the assembly of delegates shall order the office to be filled at the next regular biennial state election to be held one hundred and twenty or more days following the date such vacancy occurs.

Forthwith when a vacancy in the office of board of regional commissioners

occurs, the assembly of delegates shall act to temporarily fill such vacancy by electing some suitable person, not a resident of the same municipality as either of the other members of the board of regional commissioners who remain in office, and who shall serve in such office until a successor is chosen at the next biennial state election.

Substitute with sentences

If a vacancy occurs in the office of member of the board of regional commissioners during the term for which a member is chosen, the assembly of delegates shall order the office to be filled at the next regular biennial state election to be held one hundred and twenty or more days following the date such vacancy occurs.

Forthwith when a vacancy in the office of board of regional commissioners occurs, the assembly of delegates shall act to temporarily fill such vacancy by electing some suitable person, a resident of the district in which the vacancy occurs, who shall serve in such office until a successor is chosen at the next biennial state election.

(Submitted by Chatham Delegate Ronald Bergstrom at a regular meeting of the Assembly of Delegates on November 1, 2017)