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DRAFT Non-Binding County Governance Referendum Ballot Question

Over the years, Cape Cod officials have reviewed numerous proposals to change the structure of Barnstable County government. As a Barnstable County voter, which reform measure do you prefer?

CHOOSE ONLY ONE -

Plan A - Expand Current Board of County Commissioners to Five and Retain the Assembly of Delegates in its Current Form. This proposal is currently before Barnstable County officials. It keeps the current system intact. The only significant change is to expand the number of County Commissioners from a three-member board to a five-member board.

Plan B - Abolish the Board of County Commissioners, create a strong County Administrator. This proposal takes Executive power away from a part time, elected board consisting of three commissioners, and vest that authority exclusively in the County Administrator. It is similar to a plan recommended by a committee created by the Assembly of Delegates. The Administrator would be selected and supervised by the Assembly of Delegates. The proposal will make county government non-partisan and make the Assembly the principle regional policy making body.