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to subcommittee
from
S. Moran-Chair

From: **ed McManus** McManused@msn.com
Subject: Re: recall
Date: February 6, 2018 at 8:41 PM
To: Susan Moran susan.moran@barnstablecounty.org

Su,

Finally got time to sit down an look over hat Leo sent.

On the first page (I'm assuming the red highlights are his adds) it seems that what he is proposing is additional language to further support the status quo of 3 partisan county commissioner.

On the next page, the 3rd paragraph changes will eliminate the ability of the electorate to petition, by way of an initiative, a change to the governance structure of the county. The only option that would be left would have to be initiated by the assembly and approved by the commissioners. They will argue the language doesn't allow for overturning a commissioners veto.

His proposal is mainly about insuring that a recall would not require holding a special election. The business about separate petitions for each town runs counter to the fact that candidates are elected countywide, not town by town. The business about the percentage in a town would place the total required to do a recall at different levels depending on which election you were elected at. At a presidential the turnout is in the 60% level. In the midterms, some elections have had as low as a 40% turnout. The standard we use should be stable from one election to the next, 15% of all registered voters countywide. This proposal only allows one point in a 4 year term to consider recalling someone. And if someone is recalled (by Feb.) they stay in office for 8 months before the election is held. If someone has f___ed up enough to get recalled, you want to have the election soon, not wait 8 months. The issue of cost is real, but only allowing a recall election at the midterms is not the answer. The other concern Leo has is that if the recall is a special election it will not have as large a turnout as the election where the commissioner was elected. Well so what. At a special of this sort you will have educated voters voting and the ability to pack the election is equally the same on both sides.

Just some thoughts.

Ed

P.S. - I think we decide and move ahead on the Structure issue before taking this up.

From: Susan Moran <susan.moran@barnstablecounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:35 AM
To: mcmanused@msn.com
Subject: Fwd: recall

Please give me your thoughts when you have a chance.

Su

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Leo Cakounes <lcakounes@barnstablecounty.org>
> **Date:** January 23, 2018 at 3:40:10 PM EST
> **To:** Susan Moran <susan.moran@barnstablecounty.org>
> **Subject: recall**
>
> Here are my thoughts
> Sorry, just a "My thoughts ramble " for now
> leo