

Questions the BOC should answer to give direction on Ordinance related to county initiatives

1. Who should make the determination if an initiative subject is a matter of county concern?
 - a. BOC
 - i. The BOC is the body that decides most of the matters of county concern at any time. That is the BOC's job. Shouldn't the BOC be involved?
 - ii. If the BOC is aware of initiatives that are a matter of county concern, they might be able to pass an ordinance to the same effect or refer an ordinance or county charter amendment saving the petitioners time and expense of signature gathering.
 - b. County Counsel
 - i. County counsel should at least review initiatives for matter of county concern, to assist the BOC or the clerk, regarding at a minimum potential conflicts that the initiative may create.
 - c. Clerk
 - i. Does the Clerk have the expertise and knowledge?
 - d. Some combination of the above
2. How much time should the determination need? (If you think the BOC should be part of the determination of a matter of county concern, can fast can you do it?)
 - a. 5 days
 - b. 15 days
 - c. 30 days
 - d. 60 days
 - e. Something else
3. Should the time to determined matters of county concern, and the other constitutional requirements be the same? (There is nothing constitutional about the current 5 days the clerk gets, if the BOC needs more time, then you can write the ordinance giving the BOC and the clerk more time.)
 - a. 5 days
 - b. 15 days
 - c. 30 days
 - d. 60 days
 - e. Something else
4. Should ballot titles be determined before the matter of county concern is resolved?
5. Should petitions be allowed to circulate before the matter of county concern is resolved?
6. Should the determination regarding the matter of county concern be reviewable?
7. If so, how long after that determination is made can someone file?
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- e. Something else
9. How and for how long should the clerk publish propose initiatives?
 - a. Newspaper
 - b. Website
 - c. SOS site
 - d. Combination of the above
 - e. 7 days
 - f. Life of the petition
 - g. Election cycle
 - h. Like the SOS website
 10. Should the requirement that an initiative petition shall be filed for signature verification not less than four months before the election at which the proposed ordinance or amendment to the Charter is to be voted upon continue?
 11. Does the BOC want to incorporate state law or use it as a template for a county ordinance?
 - a. If you want to continue the 4-month requirement that is different than current state law, the county ordinance should prevail, but it would be confusing to not people who are not lawyers or election law geeks. There would less confusion if all of the county rules for an initiative were in one spot, i.e. the county ordinance.