

FAVORABLE Testimony - HB 0668
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The current statutes give the County Councils the ability to remove the health officer and I don't know why they don't utilize this vehicle more often. But also included a second level of government in the process is a good check and provides balance. It prevents the situation where the council gangs up on the Health Officer for no good reason.

I recommend that the verbiage be changed (amended) to state that a quorum is required by the combination of the available council seats combined with the general assembly seats for that county. This will allow for full representation for the Health Officer, again rather than a kind of ganging up on him/her.

(II) IF A COUNTY'S SENATE DELEGATION AND HOUSE DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVES NOTICE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH

(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SENATE DELEGATION AND THE HOUSE DELEGATION MAY VOTE BY [~~A SIMPLE MAJORITY~~] **COMBINED QUORUM OF TOTAL COMBINED SEATS OF THE COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE REMOVAL OF THE HEALTH OFFICER AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE HEALTH OFFICER IS REMOVED.**

FAVORABLE WITH THE ABOVE AMENDMENT.

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