

Joint Committee on Election Laws

Bill Summary

<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	Senate, No. 2552
<u>TITLE</u>	An Act authorizing the town of Berkley to recall elected officials
<u>SPONSORS</u>	Senator Dooner; Representative Orrall of Lakeville

SUMMARY

Permits the town of Berkley to recall and remove local elected officials from their position, so long as it's not during the first or last 6 months of their term. 25 voters registered within Berkley will have to file an affidavit with the Town Clerk in order to receive an official petition to gather signatures. The petition must include the signatures of at least 15% of registered voters of each precinct eligible to vote in the most recent town election. The petition will have to be returned to the Clerk within 20 days. The Registrars will have 7 business days to certify the number of signatures. If the officer, who is notified by the Town Clerk, does not resign the office within 5 days following receipt of the notice, the Board of Selectmen is required to order a special election to be held no more than 90 days after the notice. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If not re-elected in the recall election, the officer shall be deemed removed upon qualification of his/her successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.