

HB 196 -- RECALL PROCEDURE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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This bill establishes a petition procedure for recalling county commissioners or presiding county commissioners in counties of the first classification. The Commissioner to be recalled must have held office for at least six months and cannot be a candidate to succeed himself or herself at the election to fill the vacancy.

The petition is required to have a number of signatures equal to at least 10% of the total number of registered voters in the county voting in the last election at which the Commissioner was elected, and must state the reason for which the recall is sought: misconduct in office; incompetence; or failure to perform duties prescribed by law. Additional procedural requirements are set out in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 2080 (2020) and similar to HB 165 (2021).