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Mr. Agrippa inquired regarding whether a County Commissioner who submits paperwork for the a citizen referendum item to be placed on a ballot, but does so not as a Commissioner but as a private citizen, may participate and vote on the matter when it comes before the County Commission. I opined to him that as long as the Commissioner does not have any prohibited relationship with an entity coming before the board that would be affected by the vote, and the Commissioner does not personally stand to profit or be enhanced by the vote, the Commissioner need not refrain from participating in or voting on the item. The mere fact that the Commissioner may have a personal policy interest in the item and may have expended personal energy and resources into the effort to place the item on the ballot as a referendum, does not equate to a personal stake in the outcome that would trigger the voting conflict prohibitions in Section 2-11.1(d) of the Ethics Code.

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