

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2008 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : February 26, 2008

Resolution No.: 150

Introduced by: Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harrison

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 208 (B) AND (C) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER, TO CHANGE THE PROCESS TO FILL A COUNCIL VACANCY, TO ELIMINATE APPOINTMENT BY THE REMAINING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ELECTION BY COUNTY VOTERS PURSUANT TO A LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

By the Council, February 26, 2008

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton Maryland 21601.

By order, _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 805 of the Charter for Talbot County provides for voter approval of proposed amendments to the Charter; and ,

WHEREAS, Art. XI-A Section 5, Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council, now, therefore,

SECTION ONE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the question to adopt the following Charter Amendment appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County:

SECTION TWO: Section 208 (b) and (c) of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

1 **Section 208 Vacancies in the Council**

2 (a) A vacancy in the Council exists upon the death or resignation of a Councilman, or upon
3 forfeiture of office by a Councilman.

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5 ~~(b) If a vacancy occurs, a majority of the remaining members of the Council, within thirty~~
6 ~~calendar days, shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy. If the appointee is to succeed a member~~
7 ~~of a political party, he shall be selected from a list of three names submitted to the Council by the~~
8 ~~Talbot County Central Committee of the party to which the former Councilman belonged.~~

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10 (b) The Council shall provide by law for the conduct of special elections to fill any vacancy on
11 the Council that occurs during the first three years of a term. When a vacancy occurs during the
12 last year of a term, a majority of the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a qualified
13 person to fill the vacancy.

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15 ~~(c) If two or more vacancies occur in the Council simultaneously, the Governor of the State of~~
16 ~~Maryland, within thirty calendar days, shall appoint persons to fill the vacancies. If the~~
17 ~~appointees are to succeed members of political parties, the Governor shall appoint persons from~~
18 ~~a list of three names for each vacancy submitted to him by the Talbot County Central Committee~~
19 ~~of the party or parties to which the former Councilmen belonged.~~

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21 (d)-(c) An Councilman elected or appointeed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term
22 of his predecessor. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy and shall meet the same qualifications
23 as the previous Councilman.

SECTION THREE: In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed amendment to the Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of this proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of _____ having been published, a public hearing was held on _____ at _____ p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

ENACTED:

By Order _____
Secretary

- Foster -
- Pack -
- Duncan -
- Bartlett -
- Harrison -