COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2020 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : May 26, 2020

Resolution No.: 285

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Divilio, Mr. Lesher, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO ADD A SECTION TO THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER TO ALLOW THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO WAIVE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

By the Council: May 26, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearings scheduled on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order, Susan W. Moran

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 402 (County Attorney), Section 403 (County Planning Officer), and Section 405 (County Engineer) of the Charter for Talbot County provides that such Talbot County employees be residents of Talbot County; and,

WHEREAS, such provisions do not give flexibility to the County Council and the County Manager to hire those persons who are best qualified for the stated positions yet do not reside in the County at the time of their appointment; 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.

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:

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Boldface..... Heading or defined term.

Underlining..... Added to existing law by original resolution

~~Strikethrough~~..... Deleted from existing law by original resolution

Double underlining..... Added to resolution by amendment

~~Double strikethrough~~ .....Deleted from resolution by amendment

* * *.....Existing law unaffected

SECTION TWO: That a new section be added to the Talbot County Charter as follows:

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Section 407 Residency Waiver

The requirement that the County Attorney, County Planning Officer and County Engineer be residents of Talbot County may be waived by the County Council by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the full Council.

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SECTION THREE: In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to and decided by County voters at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of popular 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.

SECTION FOUR: If the proposed amendment is approved by the voters at the election, the section authorized by the amendment shall become effective December 3, 2020.

SECTION FIVE: In accordance with the requirements of Maryland Constitution Article 11-A § 5 and Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, this Resolution, if approved by 4/5 of the full Council, shall be published once a week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and title of this Resolution No. 285 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 N. Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

ENACTED: **July 21, 2020**

By Order Susan W. Moran
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Pack -	Aye
Divilio -	Aye
Callahan -	Aye
Price -	Aye
Lesher -	Aye

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 the proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.