

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY

2023 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: September 26, 2023

Resolution No.: 350

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Stepp

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND SECTION 102 OF THE CHARTER OF TALBOT COUNTY TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF TALBOT COUNTY SHALL BE ACCORDED EQUAL TREATMENT IN ALL MATTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF AGE, DISABILITY, HEALTH, OR GENETIC INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO RACE, CREED, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN

By the Council: September 26, 2023

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 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, Secretary

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

WHEREAS, Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council of Talbot County.

SECTION ONE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that questions to adopt the following amendments to Section 102 of the Charter appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter:

KEY	
Boldface	Heading or defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by resolution
Strikethrough	Deleted from existing law by resolution
* * *Existing law unaffected

SECTION TWO: Section 102 of the Charter of Talbot County be amended as follows:

Section 102 Exercise of Powers

The powers mentioned in Section 101 of this Charter may be exercised only by the County Council or other agents, officers and employees of the County acting under their respective authorities or under other authority provided by this Charter or the laws of this State. In the exercise of these powers, the citizens of Talbot County shall be accorded equal treatment in all matters under the jurisdiction of the County government regardless of race, creed, sex, age, disability, health, genetic information or national origin.

SECTION THREE: The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION FOUR: In accordance with Section 805 of the Charter, questions to adopt the proposed Charter amendments set forth herein 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 either question are in favor of the proposed amendment, such amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election.

SECTION FIVE: In accordance with the requirements of Article 11A § 5 and Section 805 of the Charter, this Resolution, if approved by at least four fifths (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, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. ___ having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, __, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: _____

By Order: _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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Effective: _____