

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2020 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : June 23, 2020

Resolution No.: 289

Introduced by: Mr. Pack

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND § 205 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

By the Council: June 23, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearings scheduled on Tuesday, July 14, 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, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 205 of the Charter for Talbot County, titled “Term of Councilman”, provides for a four-year term for members of the Talbot County Council; and,

WHEREAS, while a single Council member term is limited to four years, there is no limit on the number of terms a Council member may serve; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that terms limits are an effective way to promote new ideas and perspectives on the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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:

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

SECTION ONE: Section 205 of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

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Section 205 Term of ~~Councilman~~ Council Member

A ~~Councilman~~ Council member shall serve for a term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December next following his or her election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December in the fourth year thereafter. Beginning with terms commencing in or after 2022, no Council member shall serve more two consecutive four-year terms. However, a Council member who has served two consecutive four-year terms is not precluded from filling a vacancy on the Council under Section 208 of this Charter that occurs during what would otherwise be the Council

member's third consecutive four-year term, provided that in the event of filling such vacancy, the Council member shall not be permitted to seek reelection at the next election of Council members after filling the vacancy.

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SECTION TWO: 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 THREE: If the proposed amendment is approved by the voters at the election, it shall become effective December 3, 2020.

SECTION FOUR: 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. _____ 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 _____
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