

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 32

Resolution No. 20-18

Introduced by Mr. Walker and Mr. Pruski

By the County Council, June 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED  
Charter Amendment – Executive Branch – Chief of Police

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
2 require the County Council to confirm by resolution the County Executive’s appointment  
3 of Chief of Police  
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5 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That the  
6 following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to  
7 the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2018:  
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9 **Title V. The Executive Branch**

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11 **Sec. 543. Chief of Police.**

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13 The Police Department shall be commanded and administered by a Chief of Police, who  
14 shall be experienced in the command of uniformed patrol and the detection and  
15 investigation of crime. The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the County Executive,  
16 AND CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, solely on the basis of the  
17 individual's qualifications for the duties of the office, and be responsible directly to the  
18 Chief Administrative Officer. All orders to the Police Department from the Chief  
19 Administrative Officer shall be directed through the Chief of Police or an officer acting in  
20 his absence. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the efficiency, good conduct and  
21 discipline of the Department. Disobedience to the lawful commands or the rules and  
22 regulations of the Chief of Police shall be ground for removal or other disciplinary action.  
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24 *And be it further resolved,* That the following question is adopted for submittal to the  
25 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2018 for their adoption  
26 or rejection:  
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28 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require confirmation by the County  
29 Council of an appointment of the Chief of Police by the County Executive.”  
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31 *And be it further resolved,* That this question shall be designated as Question “\_\_”  
32 on the ballot at the General Election in November 2018.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this resolution are catchwords and are not law.

1        *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election  
2        are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30<sup>th</sup>  
3        day following the election.