

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 20-22

Introduced by Mr. Pruski and Ms. Lacey

By the County Council, June 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

Charter Amendment – The Legislative Branch – Terminology

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3 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
4 change the term “Chairman” to “Chair”

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6 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*  
7 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*  
8 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022:*

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10 **Article III. The Legislative Branch**

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12 **Sec. 302. Officers.**

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14 (a) **Presiding Officer.** The County Council at its regular meeting or session in  
15 December of each year shall elect from its membership a [[Chairman]] CHAIR and a Vice  
16 [[Chairman]] CHAIR. The [[Chairmen]] CHAIR, or, in [[his]] THE CHAIR’S absence, the Vice  
17 [[Chairman]] CHAIR, shall preside at all meetings and legislative sessions. In the event of  
18 the death, resignation, or disqualification of the [[Chairman]] CHAIR, the Vice  
19 [[Chairman]] CHAIR shall serve as [[Chairman]] CHAIR until a new [[Chairman]] CHAIR is  
20 elected as provided in this section. On all questions before the County Council the  
21 [[Chairman]] CHAIR and Vice [[Chairman]] CHAIR shall have and may exercise the vote to  
22 which each is entitled as a Councilmember. In the event of the absence of both the  
23 [[Chairman]] CHAIR and Vice [[Chairman]] CHAIR, the members present, shall select one  
24 of their member to act as [[Chairman]] CHAIR pro tem, who, while so acting shall have all  
25 the authority and voting rights of the [[Chairman]] CHAIR.

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27 *And be it further resolved, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the*  
28 *qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2022 for their adoption*  
29 *or rejection:*

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31 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to change the term “Chairman” to  
32 “Chair”.”

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34 *And be it further resolved, That this question shall be designated as Question “\_\_” on*  
35 *the ballot at the General Election in November 2022.*

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.