

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 21

Resolution No. 20-20

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 26, 2020

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED
Charter Amendment – Executive Branch – Expanding the Limitation on Term of
Temporary Appointees

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to
2 expand the initial term of an acting Chief Administrative Office or acting head of any office
3 or department to one hundred and twenty days, and to allow the County Council to extend
4 that term by up to two additional six month periods

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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 2020:*
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10 **Article V. The Executive Branch**

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12 **Sec. 509. Temporary appointments.**

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14 (a) **Chief Administrative Officer.** During the temporary absence of the Chief
15 Administrative Officer, or if the office of Chief Administrative Officer shall become
16 vacant, the Budget Officer shall serve as acting Chief Administrative Officer pending, in
17 the case of a vacancy, the appointment of a successor. In his capacity as Acting Chief
18 Administrative Officer, the Budget Officer need not possess, but the successor shall
19 possess, all those qualifications hereinabove in this Article specified for an original
20 appointee.
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22 (b) **Other Officers.** The County Executive, in the case of a vacancy or temporary
23 absence, may designate any person to serve as acting head of any office or department in
24 the executive branch until the appointment of a successor. Unless at the time of such
25 appointment the temporary appointee is a subordinate officer in-the office or department
26 to which he is designated as acting head, he shall possess all the qualifications for the office
27 specified in Article V of this Charter for an original appointee.
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29 (c) **Limitation on Term of Temporary Appointees.** No person shall serve as Acting
30 Chief Administrative Officer or acting head of any office or department for a period longer

1 than ~~[[sixty]]~~ ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY days; provided, however, such limit may be
2 extended ~~[[an]]~~ FOR UP TO TWO additional ~~[[four]]~~ PERIODS OF SIX months by
3 ~~[[resolution]]~~ SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS of the County Council.
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5 *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the
6 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2020 for their adoption
7 or rejection:
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9 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to expand the initial term for an acting
10 Chief Administrative Office or acting head of any office or department from sixty days to
11 one hundred and twenty days, and to allow the County Council to extend that term by up
12 to two additional six month periods instead of the current four months.”
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14 *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “__” on
15 the ballot at the General Election in November 2020.
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17 *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election
18 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30th
19 day following the election.

READ AND PASSED this 6th day of July, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 20-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair