

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 18

Resolution No. 82-2018

Introduced by: The President of the Council

CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 413 OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Section 1002 of the County Charter indicates that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by resolution of the County Council approved by not less than five (5) of its members, and such resolution shall be exempt from veto; and

WHEREAS, Article XI-A, Section 5, of the Constitution of Maryland indicates that amendments to any charter adopted by any County of the State shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general or congressional elections occurring after the passage of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted Resolution No. 65-2018, on July 3, 2018, authorizing proposed amendments to Sections 315 and 708 of the Wicomico County Charter; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to also amend Section 413 of the Charter to authorize the County Executive to appoint Deputy Directors and the Assistant Director of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to submit a proposed revision to Section 413 of the Charter to the citizens of the County for consideration at the next general or congressional election in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Maryland Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, pursuant to the authority granted the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland by Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Constitution of Maryland and Article XI, Section 1002 of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland that the following section of the Charter of Wicomico County be added or amended to read as follows:

CHARTER OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

Article IV. The Executive Branch

Section 413. Administrative appointments.

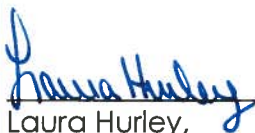
The County Executive shall appoint a single officer to head each department or agency of the executive branch, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND

may remove the same at his discretion, AND SHALL ALSO APPOINT THE DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF EACH SUCH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY. Within six (6) months after each election for County Executive, the County Executive shall appoint THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND all heads of each department or agency of the executive branch as defined by Section 502 and 503 of this Charter and the Code of Wicomico County, subject to confirmation by the Council as required by Section 315 of this Charter, PROVIDED THAT THIS SENTENCE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE THEN APPOINTED AND SERVING DEPUTY DIRECTORS. The County Executive shall also appoint the members of all boards and commissions in the executive branch, except as otherwise provided for by law, subject to confirmation by the Council as required by Section 315 of this Charter. All employees of the executive branch, other than those specifically provided for in this Charter or the Code of Wicomico County, shall be appointed and removed by the heads of the several agencies of the county government in accordance with the provisions of the County Personnel Law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution having been approved by not less than five (5) members of the County Council of Wicomico County, the proposed amendments shall be published by the County Executive in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in Wicomico County once each week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the next general election or congressional election occurring after passage hereof; and at such election the question shall be submitted to the voters of Wicomico County, Maryland, and if at said election a majority of the votes cast on the question shall be in favor of the herein proposed amendments, such amendment shall stand adopted and become a part of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland, from and after the thirtieth (30th) day following said election, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1002, of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland.

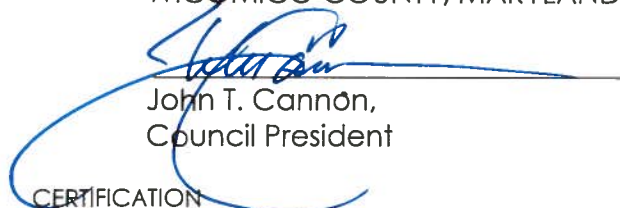
Done at Salisbury, Maryland, this 13th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:



Laura Hurley,
Council Administrator

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John T. Cannon,
Council President

This Resolution was Adopted , Adopted with Amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on August 13, 2018.

Certified by 

Laura Hurley, Council Administrator