

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 18

Resolution No. 113-2011

Introduced by: The President of the Council

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A "STRAW BALLOT" ON THE ISSUE OF AN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Title 3, entitled "Establishment of County Boards of Education" provides for an appointed or elected school board in each county; and

WHEREAS, the local Board of Education plays an important and essential role in the efficient operation of the local school system, and decisions made by the local board of education directly influence the academic success of students in the Wicomico County Public School system; and

WHEREAS, the members of the current school board are appointed by the governor; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has received numerous requests for the County to switch to an elected school board; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to have the issue presented to the citizens of Wicomico County and therefore desires to forward the proposal to the Maryland General Assembly for consideration of a "straw ballot".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland hereby requests and supports legislation by the Maryland General Assembly to place a question on the ballot at the next general election in 2012 for a "straw vote" on the establishment of an FULLY elected school board for Wicomico County.

Done at Salisbury, Maryland, this 6th day of September, 2011.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

Matthew E. Creamer, County Administrator

BY: Gail M. Bartkovich, Council President

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was Adopted ____, Adopted with Amendments , Failed ____, Withdraw ____, by the County Council on September 6, 2011.

Certified by Matthew E. Creamer, Council Administrator