

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY

2022 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: June 14, 2022

Resolution No.: 332 *AS AMENDED*

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Pack

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND SECTION 207 OF THE CHARTER OF TALBOT COUNTY TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FROM \$14,400 PER ANNUM TO ~~\$25,000~~ **\$23,000 PER ANNUM, WITH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000 PER ANNUM AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MAY SET, BY RESOLUTION, COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL DIFFERING FROM THAT SET FORTH IN SECTION 207; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL REQUIRE AT LEAST A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE COUNCIL, BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, AND TAKE EFFECT COMMENCING WITH THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL TERM**

By the Council: June 14, 2022

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order:



Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County (the "Charter") provides for voter approval of proposed amendments to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council of Talbot County.

SECTION ONE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that questions to adopt the following amendments to Section 207 of the Charter appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter:

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| KEY | |
| Boldface | Heading or defined term. |
| <u>Underlining</u> | Added to existing law by resolution |
| Strikethrough | Deleted from existing law by resolution |
| * * * |Existing law unaffected |

SECTION TWO: Section 207 of the Charter of Talbot County be amended as follows:

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Section 207 Compensation of Council Members

Council members shall receive compensation of ~~fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400)~~ twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) per annum beginning with terms commencing in or after ~~2002~~ 2022. The President of the Council shall receive an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum. The Council may set, by resolution, compensation of Council members and the President of the Council differing from that set forth herein; provided, however, that such resolution shall require at least a four-fifths vote of the Council, be adopted prior to the next general election for the office of Council member, and take effect commencing with the forthcoming Council term.

SECTION THREE: The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION FOUR: In accordance with Section 805 of the Charter, questions to adopt the proposed Charter amendments set forth herein shall be submitted to and decided by County voters at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election, the majority of popular votes cast on either question are in favor of the proposed amendment, such amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election.

SECTION FIVE: If the proposed amendment to increase the compensation of Council members is approved by the voters at the election, the increase in compensation authorized by such amendment shall become effective for the Council terms beginning in December 2022 and shall have no effect on the existing salaries of the sitting Council.

SECTION SIX: If the proposed amendment to authorize the Council to set, by resolution, compensation of Council members and the President of the Council differing from that set forth in Section 207 is approved by the voters at the election, such authority shall become effective for the Council terms beginning in December 2022, and any such resolution adopted pursuant to such authority shall become effective for the Council terms beginning in December 2026. Such amendment shall have no effect on the sitting Council.

SECTION SEVEN: In accordance with the requirements of Article 11A § 5 and Section 805 of the Charter, this Resolution, if approved by at least four fifths (4/5) of the full Council, shall be published once a week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 332 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: July 12, 2022 *AS AMENDED*

By Order: Susan W. Moran
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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| Callahan | - | Aye |
| Divilio | - | Aye |
| Leshner | - | Aye |
| Price | - | Aye |
| Pack | - | Aye |

Effective Date: *In accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County, the questions to adopt these proposed amendments to the Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election, the majority of votes cast on either question is in favor thereof, such amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election.*