



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Open Meetings Act Statement
- C. Introduction of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 32-22 – RESOLUTION determining that a Petition initiating a Charter Amendment satisfies the requirements established by law
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

- D. Call of Resolution for Final Reading and/or Vote

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- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. --

Resolution No. 32-22

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

By the County Council, August 4, 2022

1 RESOLUTION determining that a Petition initiating a Charter Amendment satisfies
2 the requirements established by law

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4 WHEREAS, a petition signed by citizens of Anne Arundel County proposing to
5 amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to add a Section relating to public
6 campaign financing was delivered to the County Council in accordance with Article
7 XI-a, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution and Section 1202 of the Anne Arundel
8 County Charter and has been submitted to the Anne Arundel County Board of
9 Elections (the “Petition”); and

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11 WHEREAS, § 7-102(c)(3)(ii) of the Election Law Article of the State Code requires
12 a determination by the County governing body that a petition initiating a ballot
13 question to amend the County Charter has satisfied all the requirements established
14 by law relating to such petitions; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 1014, a power or duty imposed on the
17 County’s “governing body” is an action by the County Executive referred to the
18 County Council for confirmation; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that the Petition satisfies all
21 requirements established by law relating to petitions initiating ballot questions to
22 amend the County Charter, and refers this determination to the County Council for
23 confirmation; and

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25 WHEREAS, this Resolution satisfies procedural requirements necessary for a
26 ballot question to be presented to the voters of the County, and it does not constitute
27 the position of the County Executive or the County Council on the merits of the
28 proposed ballot question; now, therefore, be it

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30 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That, in*
31 *accordance with § 7-102(c)(3)(ii) of the Election Law Article of the State Code, it hereby*
32 *confirms the County Executive’s determination that the Petition satisfies all requirements*
33 *established by law relating to petitions initiating ballot questions to amend the County*
34 *Charter.*

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

RES. NUMBER: 32-22

INTRO. DATE: August 4, 2022

FISCAL NOTE

RESOLUTION: DETERMING THAT A PETITION INITIATING A CHARTER AMENDMENT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to confirm that a Petition, signed by County citizens and proposing to amend the County Charter to add a Section relating to campaign finance, satisfies all requirements established by law relating to petitions initiating ballot questions to amend the Charter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pending adoption of this Charter Amendment, establishment of the system of public campaign financing will require an ordinance. The fiscal impact of the system will be detailed at that time.



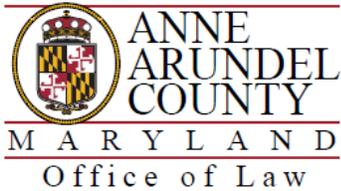
Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

8/2/2022

Date

Prepared by: Hannah Dier

cc: Karin McQuade, Controller



Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney

MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Lori L. Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney /s/

Date: August 2, 2022

Subject: Resolution No. 32-22: Confirming That a Petition Initiating a Charter Amendment Satisfies the Requirements Established by Law

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 32-22.

Background. Consistent with Article XI-a, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, Section 1202 of the County Charter provides that one method of proposing an amendment to the County Charter is the submission of a petition to the Chair of the County Council that is signed by the lesser of 20% of the County’s registered voters or 10,000 of the County’s registered voters. State law establishes the form and contents of the petition (§ 6-201 of the Election Law Article of the State Code). Once the petition is received by the Chair of the County Council, State law requires that it be sent to the local board of elections within 24 hours. (§ 6-205 of the Election Law Article of the State Code). The local board of elections verifies and counts the validated signatures. (§ 6-207 of the Election Law Article of the State Code).

For a ballot question that is submitted through a petition process to qualify, the governing body of the County must determine that the petition has satisfied all of the requirements established by law relating to petitions initiating charter amendments. (§ 7-102(c)(3)(ii) of the Election Law Article of the State Code). Charter Section 1014 provides that, if State law requires something to be undertaken by the “local governing body”, the action required is taken by the County Executive and referred to the County Council for confirmation. If the question presented by the petition qualifies, then the County Attorney is required to prepare and certify the question to the State Board of Elections. (§ 7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Election Law Article of the State Code).

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

A petition to amend the County Charter was presented to the Council Chair on July 29, 2022. It was delivered to the local board of elections on that same day. The petition was signed by more than 12,000 persons identified as registered to vote in the County. The County Executive has determined that the petition meets the requirements established by law relating to petitions to amend the County's Charter.

Purpose and Summary. The purpose of this Resolution, as stated in the Resolution, is for the Council to confirm the County Executive's determination that the petition submitted meets the legal requirements for a petition to amend the County's Charter. As also stated in the Resolution, this action is only related to the legal formalities required for such a Resolution and does not constitute a position on the merits of the question presented by the petition.

If there are any questions, please let me know.