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Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

Date: September 2, 2025

Subject: Res. No. 23 -25 – Resolution Approving the Appointment Of a Severn River Commission Member

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 23-25.

Summary

This Resolution, requested by the Administration, approves the appointment of Robert J. vom Saal to serve on the Severn River Commission for a term beginning September 15, 2025, and ending on September 14, 2028. The County Council established the Severn River Commission in Resolution No. 130-84, and reestablished the Commission in Resolution No. 47-89. The Commission provides counsel and advice to Anne Arundel County, the City of Annapolis, and the State of Maryland. Its duties include initiating and recommending policies and regulations to enhance and protect the natural, historic and scenic quality of the Severn River watershed; reviewing studies, policies, and rules formulated by federal, State and local government agencies that concern the Severn River watershed, and to comment on such proposals as appropriate; reviewing and making recommendations concerning the implementation of the studies entitled "Maryland Scenic River: The Severn" and "A Greenway Strategy for Weems Creek." The Commission is also charged with reviewing and making recommendations on federal, State, County and local programs, regulations, and public and private projects, including land use and development proposals, which the Commission believes may have an impact on the Severn River watershed, and preparing a written biannual report outlining the activities, goals and accomplishments of the Commission which shall be submitted to both the Anne Arundel County Council and the Annapolis City Council in January.

Resolution No. 47-89 provides that, subject to confirmation by the County Council, the County Executive shall appoint seven voting members to the Severn River Commission, at least

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five of whom are residents of the Severn River Watershed. Robert J. vom Saal is a resident of the Severn River Watershed and has been nominated by the County Executive for appointment to the Commission.

Purpose

The purpose of this Resolution is to approve the appointment of Robert J. vom Saal to serve on the Severn River Commission for a term beginning September 15, 2025, and ending on September 14, 2028.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact anticipated.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law, or Tom Ni, County Executive's Office. Thank you.

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