

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15-02

AN EMERGENCY BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Vacancies in the Office of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of revising the method for filling of vacancies in the office of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing for the filling of any such vacancy by a majority vote of the remaining County Commissioners; providing that the person filling such vacancy shall be of the same political party as the person who vacated the office; and generally dealing with and revising the process for filling a vacancy in the office of County Commissioner of Queen Anne's County;

BY AMENDING Section 4-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 4-6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County be and is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

4-6. Vacancy.

- A. In general. In the event any office of County Commissioner in Queen Anne's County shall become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Commissioners, through the procedure set forth in Article 25, §16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- B. Qualifications. The person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of County Commissioner shall be of the same political party as the person who vacated the office, and, if the person who vacated the office was elected from one of the four County Commissioner Districts of the County, shall be a resident of the same District as the person who vacated the office.
- C. Solicitation for applications to fill the vacancy shall be advertised in one or more newspapers with general circulation in the County.

- D. Recommendations. Within thirty (30) days of a vacancy in the office of County Commissioner, the central committee of the political party that is affiliated with the vacating County Commissioner may submit to the remaining County Commissioners the names of up to three persons recommended by the central committee to fill such vacancy.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency bill and upon the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the total membership of the County Commissioners shall take effect upon its passage. Otherwise, the same shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its passage.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Anderson

DATE: January 6, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: _____

VOTE: _____ Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

WITHDRAWN: January 27, 2015 by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Buckey.