

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0145

Sponsored by: **Council President Connally on behalf of Charter Review Commission**

A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XI adding Section 11.05 Performance Audit of Cuyahoga County's Justice System requiring the County Executive to appoint a board or university to conduct a performance audit of the Cuyahoga County Justice System; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.09 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that "The Charter Review Commission may propose to the Council such amendments to this Charter as it shall deem appropriate" and "Council shall vote within sixty days after the proposals are received on whether or not to submit the proposals to the electors at the next general election held more than sixty days after its vote on the proposed amendments"; and

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that "Proposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the "legislative authority" "of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members" submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county "to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission"; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to require that the County of Cuyahoga appoint a board to regularly conduct a performance audit of the Cuyahoga County Justice System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Sections 12.09 and 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2013, the question of amending Article XI to add Section 11.05 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the respective text to

be as set forth herein, with boldfaced text being added and crossed out text being deleted as follows:

SECTION 11.05 PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM.

The Cuyahoga County Executive shall, no later than February 1, 2014, and every five years thereafter, appoint an independent organization or university with nationally recognized expertise in the area of the administration of justice to conduct a performance audit of the County's justice system. The performance audit will recommend best practices that would improve the justice system's efficiency, effectiveness and fairness. The organization selected shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution, and Article XII, Sections 12.09 and 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment of Article XI to add Section 11.05 shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article XI of the Charter of Cuyahoga County be amended to add Section 11.05 requiring regular performance audits be conducted of the Cuyahoga County Justice System?

SECTION 3. If the foregoing proposal receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon, the existing provisions of Article XI which are inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same are hereby repealed effective as of the date on which such amendment becomes effective.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 5, 2013 election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 5, 2013 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was not adopted.

Yeas: None

Nays: Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher and Connally


County Council President

8-27-13
Date


Clerk of Council

8/27/2013
Date

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Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Committee Report/Second Reading: July 23, 2013

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