

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2013-0146

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 V, Section 5.01 Appointment and Confirmation of Officers and Section 5.08 Sheriff: Powers, Duties, and Qualifications establishing the term of appointment and process of removal of the Sheriff; 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 establish the term of appointment and process of removal of the Sheriff.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, the question of amending Article V, Section 5.01 and 5.08 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 5.01 APPOINTMENT; CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL.**

Each of the officers provided for in this Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by Council, and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive **unless otherwise specified herein.**

**SECTION 5.08 SHERIFF: POWERS, DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS.**

All powers and duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed upon county sheriffs by general law shall be carried out by the appointed Sheriff. The Sheriff shall possess and continue to maintain the qualifications provided by general law for the office of county sheriff and in addition shall have had at least five years' experience in law enforcement or in correctional facilities management. **The Sheriff shall be appointed for a term of four years commencing on January 1, 2016. The Sheriff may only be removed from office by the County Executive prior to the expiration of his or her term subject to the approval of at least two-thirds 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 V, Sections 5.01 and 5.08 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 V, Section 5.01 Appointment; Confirmation by Council and Section 5.08 Sheriff: Powers, Duties and Qualifications of the Charter of Cuyahoga County be amended to establish a term of appointment and process of removal of the Sheriff?**

**SECTION 3.** If the foregoing proposal receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon, the existing provisions of Article V, Sections 5.01 and 5.08 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.

**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 Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was not adopted.

Yeas: None

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

  
County Council President

8-13-13  
Date

  
Clerk of Council

8/13/2013  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 9, 2013

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Committee Report/Second Reading: July 23, 2013

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