

COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 688

Date of Introduction: March 17, 2026  
Introduced by: Councilmember Ricky Travers

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XI-A, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 601 OF THE CHARTER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ADOPTING A PROPOSAL TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 409 OF THE CHARTER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY TO SPECIFY THAT THE REVIEW OF ADMINTRATIVE STRUCTURE BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF EACH COUNCIL TERM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CERTIFY THE LOCAL BALLOT QUESTION TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO STATE ELECTION LAW; AND PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY.**

SECTION ONE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, ("County Council") acting under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Constitution of Maryland (the "Constitution") and acting under Section 601 of the Charter of Dorchester County (the "Charter"), that the County Council proposes to amend Article 4, Section 409 of the Charter to read as follows:

409. Review of Administrative Structure.

By the year 2006 and at least every four years thereafter, the Council shall [~~have made~~] **CONDUCT** an evaluation of the organizations, functions, powers, and duties of each department, agency, and office in the executive branch of the Government. The evaluation shall **BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF EACH COUNCIL TERM AND** address the efficiency and effectiveness of programs, services, and administration.

SECTION TWO:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed Charter Amendment and Local Question be submitted to the qualified voters of Dorchester County, Maryland at the next general election scheduled for November 3, 2026.

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EXPLANATION: **BOLD CAPITAL** indicates new language added to existing law.  
[~~strikethrough~~ in brackets] indicates language deleted from existing law.

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SECTION THREE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 7-103 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the County Attorney shall certify the Local Question and the proposed Charter Amendment to the State Board of Elections on or before July 31, 2026.

SECTION FOUR:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 601 of the Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, the full text of the proposed Charter Amendment shall be published by the County Council once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper published in Dorchester County.

SECTION FIVE:


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 601 of the Charter and Article XI-A, §5 of the Maryland Constitution, if at the general election the majority of the votes cast for the proposed Charter Amendment shall be in favor thereof, then the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of Dorchester County from and after the thirtieth day after said election.


INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

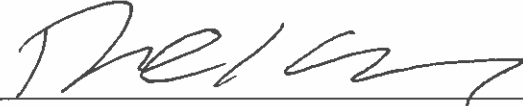
ATTEST:

  
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Jerry Jones, County Manager


THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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Mike Detmer, Vice President

  
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Rob Kramer, Jr.

Absent  
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William V. Nichols

  
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