County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 104 -2020

Introduced by: Christiana Rigby and Opel Jones

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 709 of the Howard County Charter to prohibit specified kinds of discrimination with respect to certain personnel actions in the County Merit System; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

Introduced and read first time June 1, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Diane Jones, Administrator
This Resolution was read a second time at the public hearing on <u>June 15, 2020.</u>
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with amendments 💭 Failed, Withdrawn by the County
Council on July 6, 2020. By order Diane Jones, Administrator

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1	WHEREAS, Section 709(a) of the Howard County Charter prohibits certain kinds of
2	discrimination with respect to certain personnel actions in the County Merit System; and
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4	WHEREAS, the kinds of discrimination omit protections against discrimination that are
5	based on disability, color, national origin, age, occupation, marital status, sexual orientation,
6	gender identity or expression, familial status, or personal appearance.
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8	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
9	Maryland, that subsection (a) "Discrimination" of County Charter Section 709 "Prohibitions" is,
10	upon approval of the voters of Howard County, amended to read as follows:
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12	Article VII Merit System
13	Section 709. – Prohibitions.
14 15	Section 709 Prohibitions.
16	(a) <i>Discrimination</i> . No person may be appointed or promoted to, or demoted or
17	dismissed from, any position in the classified service, or in any way favored or discriminated
18	against with respect to employment in the classified service because of his or her THEIR political
19	or religious opinions or affiliations, race [[or sex]], DISABILITY, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN,
20	IMMIGRATION STATUS, AGE, OCCUPATION, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER
21	IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, OR PERSONAL APPEARANCE.
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23	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
24	Maryland, that at the next general election to be held in Maryland, the proposed amendment to
25	the Howard County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of Howard County for their adoption
26	or rejection in accordance with the provisions of the Article X of the Howard County Charter and
27	Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, and if adopted by the majority of the voters, shall
28	stand adopted from and after the 30th day following the general election.
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30	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
31	Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the members of the
32	Howard County Council, stands adopted this 6th day of July, 2020 in accordance
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