

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

2020 Legislative Session,
Legislative Day No. 8

Introduced By: County Council

BILL NO. 2020-9

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 8, PART II OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND ADDING NEW SECTION 88-4(C)(4) AND NEW SECTION 88-4(E)(3) AND NEW SECTIONS 88-6(B)(1), (C)(5) AND (E)(10) TO CHAPTER 88 OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "ETHICS" RELATING TO PUBLIC ETHICS PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMER LOCAL LOBBYISTS, PROVIDING FOR POST EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND PROVISIONS BY LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES TO BE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on the official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two (2) successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:10 p.m.

By order:



Jay L. Newcomb
President of the County Council
of Dorchester County, Maryland

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SECTION ONE: Acting under Title 5, Subtitle 8, Part II of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Acts"), be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that new Section 88-4(C)(4) and new Section 88-4(E)(3) and new Sections 88-6(B)(1), (C)(5) and (E)(10) be added to Chapter 88 of the Dorchester County Code entitled "Ethics", to read as follows:

Chapter 88

ETHICS

§ 88-4. Conflicts of Interest.

(C) Participation prohibitions.

(4) A former local lobbyist who becomes a County official or employee may not participate in a case, contract or other specific matter for one (1) calendar year after terminating their local lobbying registrations if they previously assisted or represented another party in the matter.

(E) Post-employment limitations and restrictions.

(3) A former elected official may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action for one (1) calendar year after the elected official leaves office.

§ 88-6. Financial disclosure – local elected officials and candidates to be local elected officials.

(B)(1) Failure to file.

If a statement required by a candidate is overdue and not filed within eight (8) days after written notice of the failure to file is provided by the County or Ethics Commission or Board of Election Supervisors, the candidate is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy.

(C) Public record.

(5) For statements filed after January 1, 2019, the Commission or the office designated by the Commission may not provide public access to an individual's home address that the individual has designated as the individual's home address.

(E) Contents of statement.

(10) If the individual's spouse is a lobbyist regulated by the County, the individual shall disclose the entity that has engaged the spouse for lobbying purposes.

SECTION TWO: Pursuant to the Acts be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that General Code Publishers is directed to codify the above amendments to Chapter 88 of the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

SECTION THREE: And be it further ENACTED pursuant to Section 308 of the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland that promptly after enactment of this Act, the County Manager shall cause a fair summary of this Act to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECTION FOUR: And be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2020-9 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this 17th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: A. Keith Adkins
A. Keith Adkins
County Manager


BY: Jay E. Newcomb
Jay E. Newcomb
President

APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2020. LIBERO 007 FOLIO 48

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
A. Keith Adkins
County Manager

BY: 
Jay L. Newcomb
President

Nichols - *aye*
Nagel - *aye*
Newcomb - *aye*
Pfeffer - *aye*
Travers - *aye*

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