

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2016

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE OFFICE OF FAYETTE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE AND REQUESTING THAT THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER APPROVING HOUSE BILL 198 DURING THE 2016 REGULAR SESSION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF COUNTY COURT WHERE A MERGED GOVERNMENT EXISTS.

WHEREAS, House Bill 198 has been introduced in the 2016 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly and proposes to amend the Kentucky Constitution in a manner that would eliminate the Office of Fayette County Judge Executive and the Fayette County Fiscal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Fayette County Judge Executive and the Fayette County Fiscal Court place unnecessary tax burden on Fayette County residents; and

WHEREAS, the existence of the Office of Fayette County Judge Executive and the Fayette County Fiscal Court place unnecessary logistical and fiscal overhead upon the taxpayers of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is capable of assuming the roles of the Office of Fayette County Judge Executive and the Fayette County Fiscal Court with minimal fiscal and logistical impact, in the spirit and intent of the merger of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby expresses support for the elimination of the office of Fayette County Judge

Executive.

Section 2 – That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests that the Kentucky General Assembly consider adopting House Bill 198, a bill introduced during the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly to authorize an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution to eliminate the Office of Judge of County Court where a merged government exists.

Section 3 - That the Clerk of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council be and hereby is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the following elected officials at their respective business addresses: the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky Senate President, the Kentucky House Speaker, and the Fayette County legislators.

Section 4 - That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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