

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

In the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen

Resolution 14-01

To approve the hiring of legal counsel for the express purpose of advising and representing the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates.

Whereas the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates is the legislative branch of a bi-cameral government with separate and distinct powers and duties apart from the County Commissioners who represent the executive branch of county government, and

Whereas both branches of Barnstable County government utilize a common legal counsel in the course of executing their duties despite inherent conflicts that arise between branches of government, and

Whereas the FY 2015 budget has a line item for appropriation for Legal Counsel, Shared Costs and Debt Services, Account #0019102-5235, page 270, and

Whereas this proposed Resolution is a matter relating specifically to the internal affairs of the Assembly of Delegates. *Ref: County Charter Sec 2-8 (b-i) "establishment of advisory council." And Sec 3-8 "internal affairs of the Assembly"*,

Now, Therefore,

Be It Hereby Resolved that The Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates directs the Speaker to immediately prepare a list of no less than three qualified legal firms to represent and counsel them in all matters deemed appropriate.

The Assembly shall, at the first regularly scheduled meeting upon receipt of the Speaker's list of qualified firms, by simple majority vote, select a special legal counsel to advise and represent them.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, by a roll call vote of 54.62% voting yes, 27.68% voting no, and 17.70% absent at a regular meeting held on August 6, 2014.

Attested by:



**Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates**