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**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Proposed and Presented by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member  
Fletcher \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member  
Fletcher \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors

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Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ July 7,  
1992 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARTER AMENDMENT**

AN ACT concerning

Amendment of Section 814, Charter of Prince George's County  
FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 814 of the  
Charter of Prince George's County to provide that in the event  
that the Council fails to adopt the Annual Budget and  
Appropriation Ordinance by June 1 the current fiscal year  
budget shall continue in effect.

BY proposing an amendment to:

Section 814,  
Charter of Prince George's County,  
Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the following amendment to Section 814, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

**Section 814. ACTION ON THE BUDGET BY THE COUNCIL.** After the public budget hearing, the Council may not add new items but may increase, decrease, or delete any items in the budget except those required by the laws of this state or of this County, and except any provisions for debt service on obligations then outstanding or for estimated cash deficits. The Council shall have no power to change the form of the budget as submitted by the Executive or to alter the revenue estimates except to correct mathematical errors. The adoption of the current expense budget, the capital budget and the capital program shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the full Council by a law to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County. Any borrowing to finance capital projects must be authorized by an existing law of the General Assembly of Maryland or by a law of the Council adopted in accordance with this Charter. The Council may adopt from time to time bond issue authorization ordinances pursuant to an enabling law or laws then in force and in effect to provide the means of

financing such capital projects as are to be financed from borrowing. The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be adopted by the Council on or before June 1 of each fiscal year, and if the Council fails to do so, the [proposed current expense budget submitted by the County Executive] same levels of expenditure in the approved current expense budget for the immediately preceding fiscal year shall stand adopted, and funds for the expenditures [proposed] contained in the immediately preceding fiscal year [in the] current expense budget shall stand appropriated as fully and to the same extent as if favorable action thereon had been taken by the Council.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 1992 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election occurring on November 3, 1992, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To provide that if the current expense budget of the County is not adopted by the Council on or before June 1, the budget from the previous year shall be adopted at the

same levels of appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1992, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

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Richard J. Castaldi  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joyce T. Sweeney  
Acting Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.