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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session

1992

Resolution No. _____ CR-58-

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Proposed by _____ Council Member

Pemberton

Introduced by Council Members Pemberton, Del Giudice,

Fletcher, Casula and

Bell

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction _____ May 19,

1992

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

County Income Tax Rate

FOR the purpose of increasing the County income tax rate to 60% of the State income tax.

WHEREAS, Section 10-193 of the Prince George's County Code imposes a County income tax levy of 50% of the Maryland State income tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1974, and provides that such levy shall continue in effect for each

succeeding calendar year unless the Council changes the rate by a duly adopted ordinance; and

WHEREAS, SB 2 (Special Session) Budget Financing Act - Supplemental Provisions provides that the County income tax rate may be increased from a rate of 50% to a maximum rate of 60%, retroactively to January 1, 1992, after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, SB 2 (Special Session) provides that any increase in the County income tax rate for calendar year 1992 may not take effect unless the County notifies the State Comptroller of the rate change on or before June 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the County Council duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on the proposal of the County Executive to increase the County income tax from 50% to 60% on May 5, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the need to compensate for the increase of the County income tax on those persons who are least able to afford an increase in personal taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that, based upon the comments provided by persons who testified at the public hearing conducted on May 5, 1992, the County income tax rate shall be increased to 60% for calendar years 1992, 1993, and 1994, and shall revert to a rate of 50% beginning January 1, 1995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council endorses, and shall enact appropriate legislation that provides for a

program to stimulate the construction of new affordable housing units, stimulate the County economy and reduce the impact of two regressive taxes, the energy tax and the transfer tax, by providing for a partial exemption of the transfer tax for owner-occupied residential property and by providing tax credits for persons with a combined income of less than \$30,000 or an individual income of less than \$20,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council endorses the reduction of the deficit in Fiscal Year 1993 by \$3,000,000 and challenges the County Executive to identify an additional \$3,000,000 to be used to reduce the deficit by a total amount of \$34,000,000 rather than the \$28,000,000 amount identified in the County Executive's proposed Fiscal Year 1993 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to provide funds to accomplish the goals and objectives of a program to reduce spending, provide for reduction in the deficit and provide for reductions in regressive taxes that adversely and disproportionately impact low and middle income persons, the County Council endorses the reduction of appropriations in the budget submitted by the County Executive by \$3,726,535 for County appropriations and \$1,573,465 for Board of Education appropriations for a combined total reduction of \$5,300,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the State Comptroller on or before June 1, 1992.

Adopted this 26th day of May, 1992.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Richard J. Castaldi
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Parris N. Glendening
County Executive