

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-030-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing amendments to Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A, of the Charter of
4 Prince George's County to repeal additional at-large members for the composition of the Council,
5 to provide for nine Council district members, to repeal the eligibility requirements of at-large
6 members of the Council, to repeal the eligibility of Council members to be at-large members for
7 additional consecutive terms, to provide that the amendments to the Charter contained herein are
8 effective for the term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December 2030 and for each
9 election cycle thereafter, and generally regarding repealing at-large council members for the
10 composition of the Council.

11 BY proposing amendments to:

12 Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A,

13 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that the following amendments to Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A, Charter of Prince
16 George's County, Maryland, are hereby proposed:

17 **Sec. 301. Composition.**

18 The Legislative Branch of the County government shall consist of the County Council,
19 hereinafter referred to as the Council, and the officers and employees thereof. The Council shall
20 be composed of nine district members [and two at-large members].

1 **Sec. 303.- Election.**

2 The Council shall be elected at the same time as State officers and in the manner provided
3 by law. Each district member of the Council, at the time of their election, shall reside in a different
4 one of the nine Council districts of the County, and shall be nominated and elected by the qualified
5 voters of the Council district in which they reside. [Two members of the Council shall be
6 nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the entire County.]

7 **Sec. 307. Qualifications and Restrictions.**

8 [An at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County
9 for at least one year immediately preceding their general election.] Council members representing
10 one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council
11 district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. In an election year
12 immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any
13 Council district, the one-year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election
14 shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council
15 district because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person
16 shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding
17 their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved
18 decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy. During their term
19 of office, they shall not hold any other office of profit in state, county, or municipal government.
20 A Council member shall not, during the whole term for which they were elected, be eligible for
21 appointment to any County office or position carrying compensation which has been created
22 during their term of office.

23 **Section 307A. - Term Limitation.**

24 No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County Council.
25 No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County Executive [;
26 provided that a Council member who has served two terms as a district member shall be eligible
27 to run for an at-large seat on the Council and is eligible to serve for no more than two consecutive
28 terms as an at-large member. This Section shall apply to all persons who are currently serving on
29 the County Council or as County Executive on the effective date of this Section and to all persons
30 elected thereafter].

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the amendments to the Charter contained herein are effective for the term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December 2030 and for each election cycle thereafter.

SECTION 3. 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 2026 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

SECTION 4. 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, 2026, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To repeal at-large Council members, provide for the composition of the Council to be nine Council district members, to preserve term limits for the nine Council district members, to repeal eligibility requirements, and to provide that the amendments to the Charter contained herein are effective for the term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December 2030 and for each election cycle thereafter.

FOR
AGAINST

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council