



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/5/2022 **Effective Date:** 12/1/2022
Reference No.: CB-048-2022 **Chapter Number:** 24
Draft No.: 2 **Public Hearing Date:** 07/05/2022 @ 10:00 AM
Proposer(s): Glaros
Sponsor(s): Glaros, Hawkins, Harrison, Turner, Dernoga, Streeter, Medlock and Burroughs
Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 307, CHARTER OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 307 of the Charter of Prince George's County to provide that an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election; to provide that Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election; and to provide that in an election year immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy; and generally regarding Council member election and residency requirements.

Drafter: Kathy Canning, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
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05/31/2022	County Council	presented and referred	COW
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Action Text:

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Glaros and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

05/31/2022	COW	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Glaros, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Hawkins, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, Turner, Burroughs and Medlock

Absent: 1 Franklin

06/07/2022 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Glaros, Hawkins, Harrison, Turner, Dernoga, Streeter, Medlock, and Burroughs.

07/05/2022 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

This Council Bill public hearing was held.

07/05/2022 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Glaros, seconded by Council Member Turner, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, Turner, Burroughs and Medlock

Absent: 1 Hawkins

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

CHARTER-0307

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a Charter Amendment bill that amends Section 307, Charter of Prince George's County regarding qualifications and restrictions of Council members. It directly pertains to residency requirements. It provides that at an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election; and that Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. The Charter Amendment bill changes "primary election" to "general election" to make it conform to the election cycle. It provides that except that a person is deemed a qualified voter to serve as a Council member representing one of the nine Council districts if the boundaries of the Council districts that the person has been chosen to represent were redrawn in a decennial redistricting plan less than one year prior to the date of the person's general election and the person shall have resided in the Council district as of the date of filing a certificate of candidacy.

NOTE: SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM

Document(s): B2022048, CB-048-2022 AIS, CB-048-2022 Report, CB-048-2022 PAFI