

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

Resolution No. CR-054-2026
Proposed by Council Chair Oriadha
Introduced by _____
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction May 26, 2026

CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Amendment of Section 305, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 305 of the Charter of Prince George's
4 County to provide that if the Council passes a law to change the decennial redistricting plan
5 proposed by the Redistricting Commission, such law to adopt its own decennial redistricting plan
6 shall be by bill and not by resolution; and generally regarding redistricting.

7 BY proposing an amendment to:

8 Section 305,

9 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

10 SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince
11 George's County, Maryland, that the following amendment to Section 305, Charter of Prince
12 George's County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

13 **Sec. 305. Redistricting Procedure.**

14 The boundaries of Council districts shall be reestablished in 1982 and every tenth year thereafter.
15 Whenever district boundaries are to be reestablished the Council shall appoint, not later than
16 February 1 of the year prior to the year in which redistricting is to be effective, a commission on
17 redistricting, composed of two members from each political party chosen from a list of five names
18 submitted by the Central Committee of each political party which polled at least fifteen percent of
19 the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the immediately preceding regular election.
20 The Council shall appoint one additional member of the Commission who shall serve as chair. No

1 person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission if they hold any elected office. By
2 September 1 of the year prior to the year in which redistricting is to be effective, the Commission
3 shall prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council districts and shall present that plan,
4 together with a report explaining it, to the Council. The plan shall provide for Council districts that
5 are compact, contiguous, and equal in population. No less than fifteen calendar days and no more
6 than thirty calendar days after receiving the plan of the Commission, the Council shall hold a
7 public hearing on the plan. If the Council passes no other law changing the proposal, then the plan,
8 as submitted, shall become law, as of the last day of November, as an act of the Council, subject
9 to Sections 320 and 321 of this Charter. [Such law shall be adopted by resolution of the County
10 Council upon notice and public hearing.]

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12 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution are
13 hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph,
14 subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is declared invalid or
15 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall
16 not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs,
17 subsections, or sections of this Resolution, since the same would have been enacted without the
18 incorporation in this Resolution of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause,
19 sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

20 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of
22 Supervisors of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County
23 at the 2026 General Election.

24 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of adoption of this proposed
25 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election
26 occurring on November 3, 2026, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

COUNCIL MUST ADOPT A BILL TO CHANGE REDISTRICTING PLAN

This measure provides that if the County Council passes a law to change the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission it shall do so by bill and not by resolution after notice and public hearing.

FOR: A vote for this measure will clarify Section 305 of the Charter to require the County Council to adopt a bill and not a resolution when it changes the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

AGAINST: A vote against this measure will not clarify Section 305 of the Charter and may result in the County Council adopting a resolution instead of a bill when it changes the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

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

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.