

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2004 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-56-2004
 Chapter No. 27
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Knotts
 Introduced by Council Members Exum, Knots, Harrington, Shapiro, Peters and Dean
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction July 6, 2004

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Section 311, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 311 of the Charter of Prince George's
 4 County concerning the selection of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council, and
 5 further providing that if there are conflicting Charter amendments adopted by the qualified voters
 6 of the County at the general election in November, 2004, the amendments proposed in Council
 7 Bill-56-2004, as ratified by the voters, shall prevail.

8 BY proposing an amendment to:

9 Section 311,

10 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 12 Maryland, that the following amendment to Section 311 of the Charter of Prince George's
 13 County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

14 **Section 311. Officers of the Council.**

15 The Council shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The
 16 Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, shall preside at all meetings. On all questions
 17 before the Council the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have and may exercise the vote to
 18 which each is entitled as a Council member. If, at the general election in November, 2004, an
 19 amendment concerning the at-large election of the Chairman of the Council shall be adopted by a
 20 majority of the qualified voters of the County, then notwithstanding such amendment to this
 21 Section or Section 307A concerning at-large members of the Council, the current manner of

1 election of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Council shall remain unchanged. If, at
 2 the general election held in November, 2004, the qualified voters of the County shall not adopt
 3 an amendment to this Charter providing for the at-large election of the Chairman of the Council,
 4 then this amendment to the Charter shall be automatically abrogated and of no effect and shall be
 5 deleted from the text of the Charter.

6 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the
 7 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors
 8 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2004
 9 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

10 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed
 11 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election
 12 occurring on November 2, 2004, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

14 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

15 To reaffirm the manner of election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, and
 16 provide a precedence clause in the event of conflicting charter amendments ratified by the voters
 17 at the November 2004 general election.

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 19 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in the event that no petition for Charter
 20 Amendment or for referendum hereafter meets all requirements of law and, therefore, is not
 21 placed on the November 2004 ballot, then this Charter Amendment shall not appear on the local
 22 ballot.
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1 Adopted this 30th day of July, 2004, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of
2 the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

**CB-56-2004 (DR-2) WAS APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/2/2004, BUT DID NOT
BECOME EFFECTIVE BY ITS TERMS BECAUSE QUESTION H WAS NOT
RATIFIED.**