

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2011 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-64-2011

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison,
Lehman, Olson, Patterson and Toles

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Olson,
Patterson and Toles

Date of Introduction October 11, 2011

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 2011 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan

3 For the purpose of enacting a plan of County Council district boundaries in accordance with
4 Section 305 of the County Charter

5 WHEREAS, Section 305 of the County Charter provides that the boundaries of Council
6 districts shall be reestablished in 1982 and every tenth year thereafter; and

7 WHEREAS, this Section further provides that a commission on redistricting be appointed
8 to prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council districts, together with a report
9 explaining it, for County Council consideration on or before September 1 of the year prior to the
10 year in which redistricting is to be effective; and

11 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, the County Council adopted CR-2-2011 appointing
12 members to the 2011 Redistricting Commission and reciting the commission's respective duties
13 as prescribed by Charter; and

14 WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a comprehensive series of public hearings,
15 meetings, and electronic outreach efforts to gather public input in the preparation of its plan; and

16 WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage public input and enhance public understanding of the
17 redistricting process and procedures, and to promote transparency, the County Council created a
18 Redistricting website, which included but was not limited to important calendar dates, press
19 releases, the 2010 Census data, a Citizens guide to Redistricting, a citizen comment box and plan
20 proposals of the 2011 Redistricting Commission and the County Council; and

1 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County 2011 Redistricting Commission transmitted its
2 September 2011 Plan and Report to the County Council on September 1, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, the Council conducted public work sessions on September 13 and September
4 19, 2011, respectively, to consider the specific provisions of the 2011 Redistricting Commission
5 Plan and Report; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council's preliminary examination of the 2011 Redistricting
7 Commission September 2011 Plan and Report, coupled with input from the public, prompted the
8 County Council to prepare alternative plan considerations to the 2011 Redistricting Commission
9 Plan ; and

10 WHEREAS, as further required by Section 305 of the County Charter, the Council held a
11 September 27, 2011, public hearing on the 2011 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report,
12 together with Council Option 1 and Council Option 2; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council conducted public work sessions on September 27, 2011,
14 and October 3, 2011, to create a 2011 County Council Redistricting Plan for consideration and
15 action; and

16 WHEREAS, the County Council sought public input in creating its 2011 County Council
17 Redistricting Plan, including the September 27, 2011, public hearing, each of the public work
18 sessions, and through written testimony received on or before the close of business October 7,
19 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, the Council developed a plan of County Council district boundaries as set
21 forth in Attachments A, B, C, D, E, and F, attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth
22 fully herein; and

23 WHEREAS, Attachment A consists of a Countywide map depicting the boundaries of the
24 nine (9) County Council districts, together with individual district maps of each of the County
25 Council districts; and

26 WHEREAS, Attachment B consists of a Description of Changes Report detailing how each
27 of the nine (9) current County Council district boundaries have changed pursuant to the 2011
28 County Council Redistricting Plan; and

29 WHEREAS, Attachment C consists of a Metes and Bounds report that provides a specific
30 statement of the boundary lines of land for each Council District pursuant to the 2011 Council
31 Redistricting Plan, with their terminal points and angles, in order to describe the district

1 boundary lines; and

2 WHEREAS, Attachment D consists of a Demographic Statistics of Plan report that
3 describes the racial breakdown of the 2011 County Council Redistricting Plan districts; and

4 WHEREAS, Attachment E consists of a Population Summary report that describes the
5 racial breakdown of the voting age population by districts as well as the total population and
6 district deviation from the ideal district population; population range, ratio range, absolute range,
7 absolute overall range, relative range, relative overall range, absolute mean deviation and relative
8 mean deviation; and

9 WHEREAS, Attachment F consists of a Block Equivalency Report that describes which
10 census blocks are included within each district of the 2011 County Council Redistricting Plan;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Council considered other specific supporting data as part of the legislative
13 record in the creation of its 2011 County Council Redistricting Plan, to include a Census Place
14 Communities of Interest Report, a Voting District Communities of Interest Report, a Plan
15 Comparison Report, a Political Subdivision Splits Between Districts Report, and

16 WHEREAS, the Attached Plan meets the requirements of Section 305 of the County
17 Charter that the redistricting plan of County Council district boundaries be compact, contiguous,
18 and equal in population; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Council to exercise its authority pursuant to
20 Section 305 of the County Charter; now, therefore

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
22 Maryland, that the 2011 County Council Redistricting Plan, attached as Attachments A through
23 F hereto, and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, be and the same is hereby approved.

24 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby
25 directed to transmit a certified copy of the approved 2011 Redistricting Plan to the Prince
26 George's County Board of Elections on the date it becomes law for further administrative action.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
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