

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2022 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-050-2022

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Turner

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARTER AMENDMENT**

1 AN ACT 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 amend the legislative process for the decennial County Council redistricting plan  
 5 changing the Commission's plan, specifying that it shall be done by law, shall become effective  
 6 upon enactment or adoption, shall not be subject to executive veto or emergency legislation under  
 7 the Charter, and generally regarding redistricting requirements.

8 BY proposing an amendment to:

9 Section 305, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

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

13 **Section 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  
 21 chair[man]. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission if [he or she] they

1 hold[s] any elected office. By September 1 of the year prior to the year in which redistricting is to  
 2 be effective, the Commission shall prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council districts  
 3 and shall present that plan, together with a report explaining it, to the Council. The plan shall  
 4 provide for Council districts that are compact, contiguous, and equal in population. No less than  
 5 fifteen calendar days and no more than thirty calendar days after receiving the plan of the  
 6 Commission, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the plan. If the Council [passes] enacts  
 7 no other law changing the [proposal,] Commission's plan, then the plan, as submitted, shall  
 8 become law, as of the last day of November, as an act of the Council, subject to Sections 320 and  
 9 321 of this Charter. Any law enacted by the Council changing the Commission's plan shall not be  
 10 subject to executive veto under Section 411 of the Charter or considered emergency legislation  
 11 under Section 317 of the Charter. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 318 of the Charter,  
 12 any law enacted by the Council changing the Commission's plan shall become effective upon  
 13 enactment or adoption. [Such law shall be adopted by resolution of the County Council upon notice  
 14 and public hearing.]

15 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the  
 16 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Prince George's County  
 17 Board of [Supervisors of] Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of  
 18 this County at the 2022 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

19 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed  
 20 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election  
 21 occurring on November 8, 2022, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

22 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To amend the legislative process for the decennial County Council redistricting plan changing the Commission's plan, specifying that it shall be done by law, shall become effective upon enactment or adoption, shall not be subject to executive veto or emergency legislation under the Charter, and generally regarding redistricting requirements.

1           Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
2 members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna J. Brown  
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.