

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

Bill No. CB-59-2004
 Chapter No. 29
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Dernoga
 Introduced by Council Member Knotts
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction July 6, 2004

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Section 301, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 301 of the Charter of Prince George's
 4 County to establish voting procedures for Council members and provide a precedence clause in
 5 the event of conflicting Charter amendments ratified by the voters at the November 2004 general
 6 election.

7 BY proposing an amendment to:

8 Section 301,

9 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 301, Charter of Prince George's County,
 12 Maryland, is hereby proposed:

13 **Section 301. Composition.**

14 The Legislative Branch of the County government shall consist of the County Council,
 15 hereinafter referred to as the Council, and the officers and employees thereof. The Council shall
 16 be composed of nine members. In the event that a Charter amendment adding two at-large
 17 Council member positions is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the County at the
 18 general election held in November 2004, then no at-large Council member may be a voting
 19 member of the Council. If, at the general election scheduled for November 2004, the qualified
 20 voters of the County shall not ratify an amendment to this Charter adding two at-large Council

member positions, then this amendment shall be automatically abrogated and of no effect and shall be deleted from the text of the Charter.

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

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

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT\

To establish voting rights of at-large Council members and to provide a precedence clause in the event of conflicting Charter amendments ratified by the voters at the November 2004 general election.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in the event that no petition for Charter Amendment or for referendum hereafter meets all requirements of law and, therefore, is not placed on the November 2004 ballot, then this Charter Amendment shall not appear on the local ballot.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2004, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of 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.

**NOTE: NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT REFERENDUM
ON 11/2/2004**