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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Chapter No.

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Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request -

County

Executive)

Introduced by Council Members MacKinnon and

Casula

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction July 7,

1992

CHARTER AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Amendment of Sections 811, 813 and 814, Charter of Prince
George's County

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to Sections 811, 813
and 814 of the Charter of Prince George's County to change the
budget submission date, public hearing requirements, and date

of adoption of the budget to allow time for the completion of actions by the General Assembly.

BY proposing an amendment to:

Sections 811,

813, and

814,

Charter of Prince George's County,

Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the following amendments to Sections 811, 813 and 814, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, are hereby proposed:

Sec. 811. PUBLIC HEARINGS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND SUBMISSION OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. The County Executive shall hold two advertised public hearings on the proposed budget. The first hearing shall be during the last two weeks in January for the purpose of receiving public comments on proposed budgetary policies and programs. The second public hearing shall be held during the last week in March. [within ten (10) days after the proposed County budget is published, but no later than April 10 of each fiscal year.] The proposed capital budget and capital program shall be submitted to the Council no later than March 31 of each fiscal year. Not later than [March 31] April 15 of each fiscal year, the County Executive shall submit to the Council the proposed County budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 813. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS. Upon receipt of the proposed County budget, the Clerk of the Council shall cause to be published a notice of the place and time of at least two public hearings on the budget by the Council. Such public notice shall be published in the County newspapers of record. Such hearings shall commence not earlier than April 20 and not later than May [10] 20 of each fiscal year. The Council may hold such other preliminary hearings on the budget for the purpose of obtaining information as it may determine, but no final action shall be taken by the Council on the budget except in public session and after the public budget hearings prescribed in this Section.

Section 814. ACTION ON THE BUDGET BY THE COUNCIL. After the public budget hearing, the Council may not add new items but may increase, decrease, or delete any items in the budget except those required by the laws of this state or of this County, and except any provisions for debt service on obligations then outstanding or for estimated cash deficits. The Council shall have no power to change the form of the budget as submitted by the Executive or to alter the revenue estimates except to correct mathematical errors. The adoption of the current expense budget, the capital budget and the capital program shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the full Council by a law to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County. Any borrowing to finance capital projects must be

authorized by an existing law of the General Assembly of Maryland or by a law of the Council adopted in accordance with this Charter. The Council may adopt from time to time bond issue authorization ordinances pursuant to an enabling law or laws then in force and in effect to provide the means of financing such capital projects as are to be financed from borrowing. The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance shall be adopted by the Council on or before June [1] 15 of each fiscal year, and if the Council fails to do so, the proposed current expense budget submitted by the County Executive shall stand adopted, and funds for the expenditures proposed in the current expense budget shall stand appropriated as fully and to the same extent as if favorable action thereon had been taken by the Council.

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 1992 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 3, 1992, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To change the budget submission date, public hearing requirements, and date of adoption of the budget to allow for completion of actions by the General Assembly.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 1992, by an affirmative vote of two- thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Richard J. Castaldi
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Acting Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

NOTE:

NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE
REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 3, 1992.