

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2011 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-54-2011

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Olson

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 expand representation on the Prince George's Redistricting Commission under certain
5 circumstances.

6 BY proposing an amendment to:

7 Section 305,

8 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

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

12 **Sec. 305. Redistricting Procedure.**

13 The boundaries of Council districts shall be reestablished in 1982 and every tenth year
14 thereafter. Whenever district boundaries are to be reestablished the Council shall appoint, not
15 later than February 1 of the year prior to the year in which redistricting is to be effective, a
16 commission on redistricting, composed of two members from each political party chosen from a
17 list of five names submitted by the Central Committee of each political party which polled at
18 least fifteen percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the immediately
19 preceding regular election. When there is but one political party that polls fifteen percent of the
20 total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the immediately preceding regular election, at
21 least one member of the Redistricting Commission shall be appointed from the party with the

1 next highest number of registered voters. The Council shall appoint one additional member of
2 the Commission who shall serve as chairman. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the
3 Commission if he holds any elected office. By September 1 of the year prior to the year in which
4 redistricting is to be effective, the Commission shall prepare, publish, and make available a plan
5 of Council districts and shall present that plan, together with a report explaining it, to the
6 Council. The plan shall provide for Council districts that are compact, contiguous, and equal in
7 population. No less than fifteen calendar days and no more than thirty calendar days after
8 receiving the plan of the Commission, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the plan. If the
9 Council passes no other law changing the proposal, then the plan, as submitted, shall become
10 law, as of the last day of November, as an act of the Council, subject to Sections 320 and 321 of
11 this Charter.

12 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the
13 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors
14 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2011
15 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

16 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed
17 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election
18 occurring on November 6, 2012, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

19 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

20 To expand representation on the Prince George's Redistricting
21 Commission under certain circumstances
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1 Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2011, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of
2 the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

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.