

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2012 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-55-2012

Chapter No. 23

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Harrison

Introduced by Council Members Harrison and Turner

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction June 19, 2012

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 authorize legislative action on the decennial County Council redistricting plan by
5 resolution upon notice and public hearing.

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. The Council shall appoint one additional member of the Commission
20 who shall serve as chairman. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission if
21 he holds any elected office. By September 1 of the year prior to the year in which redistricting is

1 to be effective, the Commission shall prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council
2 districts and shall present that plan, together with a report explaining it, to the Council. The plan
3 shall provide for Council districts that are compact, contiguous, and equal in population. No less
4 than fifteen calendar days and no more than thirty calendar days after receiving the plan of the
5 Commission, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the plan. If the Council passes no other
6 law changing the proposal, then the plan, as submitted, shall become law, as of the last day of
7 November, as an act of the Council, subject to Sections 320 and 321 of this Charter. Such law
8 shall be adopted by resolution of the County Council upon notice and public hearing.

9 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the
10 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors
11 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2012
12 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

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

16 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

17 To authorize legislative action on the decennial County Council redistricting plan by resolution
18 upon notice and public hearing.

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2012, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
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.

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CB-55-2012 WAS APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/6/2012:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/7/2012