



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/22/2024

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CB-094-2024

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Dernoga, Hawkins, Burroughs and Blegay

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Hawkins, Burroughs and Blegay

Item Title: AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION for the purpose of providing for a special election to fill a vacancy on the County Council; eliminating special primary elections; providing for the adoption of a certain Resolution regarding a certain vacancy; providing for certain dates for a special election; providing for polling place hours; providing for certain funding and requirements to cover the costs of a special election; prohibiting a special election from being held at a certain time; providing for the conduct of a special election pursuant to State law; providing that State law, the County Charter, and County law shall be applicable to a special election, unless otherwise unreasonable; removing a special primary election from publication requirements; providing for special election publication; providing for the filing of a certain certificate of candidacy by a certain date; providing for a certain party designation; providing for the voting for an At-Large seat; providing for proposed candidates and the specimen ballot; providing for the reference to the Board of Elections; making this Act an emergency bill; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the adoption of this Act; and generally regarding a special election in Prince George's County.

Drafter: Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Resource Personnel: Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff, Council District 1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/24/2024	County Council	presented and referred	COW
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Dernoga, Hawkins, Burroughs and Blegay and referred to the Committee of the Whole.		
10/08/2024	COW	amended (1)	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins		

10/08/2024 COW amended (2)

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins

10/08/2024 COW amended (3)

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins

10/08/2024 COW amended (4)

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs and Olson

Nay: 2 Harrison and Fisher

Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins

Abstain: 2 Oriadha and Watson

10/08/2024 COW motion failed

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 Dernoga and Burroughs

Nay: 1 Harrison

Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins

Abstain: 5 Blegay, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

10/08/2024 COW Held in Committee

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and
Watson

Absent: 2 Ivey and Hawkins

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an emergency bill that provides for a special election to fill a vacancy on the County Council. It eliminates special primary elections. The State requires at least 100 calendar days from a vacancy to a special primary election and at least 100 calendar days from a special primary election to a special general election. This bill would eliminate a special primary election which would eliminate at least 100 calendar days for the timing of a special election. The bill also covers a number of election particulars including: polling place hours, special election reimbursement, applicable laws, publication requirements, filing certificates of candidacy, party designation, voting for an At-Large seat, specimen ballots, references to the Board of Elections and making it an emergency act that will become effective on the date it becomes law.

Document(s): B2024094, CB-094-2024 PAFI, CB-094-2024 Proposed DR-2