

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-51-2024

Draft No.: 1

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: June 4, 2024

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 7-1-2. Favorable: Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson. Unfavorable: Blegay. Abstain: Dernoga and Oriadha. Absent: Burroughs.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on June 4, 2024, to consider CB-51-2024.

CB-51-2024 is a Charter Amendment Bill that amends Section 313 of the Charter of Prince George's County to provide for the repeal of the County Auditor's five-year term, with five-year term discretionary renewals, and to provide that the County Auditor may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the full Council.

With the Charter Amendment, the text of Section 313, would read, in pertinent part:

Sec. 313. Office of Audits and Investigations.

There shall be an Office of Audits and Investigations, under the supervision and direction of a County Auditor who shall be appointed by the Council. The County Auditor shall receive such compensation as the Council may determine. The Auditor shall remain until a successor is appointed and qualifies. The County Auditor may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the full Council.

Chair Ivey spoke to the purpose and flexibility of the Charter Amendment.

The Charter of Prince George's County provides, in Section 1105, in pertinent part: Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by an act of the Council approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the full Council, and such action shall be exempt from executive veto.

Charter Section 1105 further provides 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 2024 General Election.

This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the County on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The Office of Law reports CB-51-2024 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of the County Executive takes no position on CB-51-2024.