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**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Legislative Session

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Bill No. CB-109-

1992

Chapter No.

84

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Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request -

County

Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Castaldi, Casula, Wineland,  
and

MacKinnon

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Co-Sponsors

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Date of Introduction October 27,

1992

**CHARTER AMENDMENT**

AN ACT concerning

Amendment of Section 1001, Charter of Prince George's County

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 1001 of

the Charter of Prince George's County to alter the size and

terms of the Board of Ethics.

BY proposing an amendment to:

Section 1001,

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 amendment to Section 1001, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

**Section 1001. CODE OF ETHICS.** The Council shall prescribe by law a code of ethics, and provide for the enforcement and penalties for violations thereof, covering all elected and appointed officers and employees of the County paid in whole or in part from County funds, and including persons appointed to serve on boards or commissions established by law. The code of ethics shall provide for the regulation of ex parte communications and for the disqualification of any person participating in the decision process, if there is a conflict between his official duties and his private interests. The code of ethics shall also provide for the establishment of a [three-member] five-member board to administer the code. Members of such board, to be known as the Board of Ethics, shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Council for [a term ending with that of the County Executive] staggered terms. A member of the board can only be removed by the County Executive subject to approval by the Council. Not

more than [two] three members of the Board shall be members of the same political party.

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 1994 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 8, 1994, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To increase the size of the Board of Ethics from three to five members and provide for staggered terms.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 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:

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Richard J. Castaldi  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joyce T. Sweeney  
Acting Clerk of the Council

KEY:

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

**NOTE: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM  
ON NOVEMBER 8, 1994.**