

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2016 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-41-2016

Chapter No. 26

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Taveras and Turner

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Lehman, Taveras and Turner

Date of Introduction June 14, 2016

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Section 508, Charter of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 508 of the Charter of Prince George's  
4 County to provide for outside counsel in the event of a conflict between the executive and  
5 legislative branches on matters regarding legal services and advice.

6 BY proposing an amendment to:

7 Section 508,

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 508, Charter of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, are hereby proposed:

12 **Sec. 508. Common Administrative Services.**

13 To the extent permitted by State law and to the extent of their being available within the  
14 County government, any agency receiving or disbursing County funds shall be served by, and  
15 shall utilize, the services of the County for legal services, budgeting and accounting, receiving  
16 and collecting funds, purchasing, data processing, public relations, land acquisition, architecture  
17 and engineering, personnel administration, and such other administrative services as the Council  
18 may establish by law. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude  
19 contracting for professional services in accordance with Article VI of this Charter. In the event  
20 the County Attorney determines there is a conflict of interest between the executive and

1 legislative branches on matters requiring legal services and advice, both branches shall engage  
2 outside counsel.

3 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the  
4 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors  
5 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2016  
6 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

7 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed  
8 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election  
9 occurring on November 8, 2016, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

10 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

11 To provide that in the event the County Attorney determines there is a  
12 conflict of interest between the executive and legislative branches on  
13 matters requiring legal services and advice, both branches shall engage  
14 outside counsel.

15 Adopted this 19th day of July, 2016, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of  
16 the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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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.

APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/8/2016.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/9/2016