

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2016 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-40-2016

Chapter No. 25

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Davis, Glaros, Taveras, and Turner

Introduced by Council Member Davis, Glaros, Taveras, and Turner

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 14, 2016

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Sections 301, 303, and 307A, Charter of Prince George's County
 3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Sections 301, 303, and 307A of the Charter of
 4 Prince George's County to provide for the election of two additional members to the County
 5 Council, to provide for the additional members to be elected at large, and to provide for the
 6 eligibility of at-large members of the Council.

7 BY proposing an amendment to:

8 Sections 301, 303 and 307A,

9 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 11 Maryland, that the following amendment to Sections 301, 303, and 307A, Charter of Prince
 12 George's County, Maryland, are hereby proposed:

13 **Sec. 301. Composition.**

14 The Legislative Branch of the County government shall consist of the County Council,
 15 hereinafter referred to as the Council, and the officers and employees thereof. The Council shall
 16 be composed of nine district members and two at large members.

17 **Sec. 303. Election.**

18 The Council shall be elected at the same time as State officers and in the manner provided
 19 by law. Each district member of the Council, at the time of [his] their election, shall reside in a
 20 different one of the nine Council districts of the County, and shall be nominated and elected by

1 the qualified voters of the Council district in which [he resides] they reside. Two members of the
2 Council shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the entire County.

3 **Section 307A. - Term Limitation.**

4 No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County
5 Council. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County
6 Executive; provided that a Council member who has served two terms as a district member shall
7 be eligible to run for an at-large seat on the Council and is eligible to serve for no more than two
8 consecutive terms as an at-large member. This Section shall apply to all persons who are
9 currently serving on the County Council or as County Executive on the effective date of this
10 Section and to all persons elected thereafter.

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

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

18 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

19 To provide for the election of council members by district and at large, to
20 change the composition of the County Council to a system of nine
21 district members and two at large members, and to provide that a
22 Council member who has been elected to two consecutive terms of office
23 as a district member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms as
24 an at-large member.
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1 Adopted this 19th day of July, 2016, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of
2 the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
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BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

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.

APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/8/2016.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/9/2016.