

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-115-2021

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by _____

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Taveras and Turner

Date of Introduction October 19, 2021

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan

3 For the purpose of enacting a plan of County Council district boundaries in accordance with
4 Section 305 of the County Charter.

5 WHEREAS, Section 305 of the County Charter provides that the boundaries of Council
6 districts shall be reestablished in 1982 and every tenth year thereafter; and

7 WHEREAS, this Section further provides that a commission on redistricting be appointed to
8 prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council districts, together with a report explaining
9 it, for Council consideration on or before September 1 of the year prior to the year in which
10 redistricting is to be effective; and

11 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the County Council adopted CR-6-2021 appointing
12 members to the 2021 Redistricting Commission and reciting the commission's respective duties
13 as prescribed by Charter; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission executed its charge remotely, via a virtual
15 platform, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19
16 pandemic, the hallmark of the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report has been
17 transparency, with a focus on citizen and community participation; and

18 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission conducted a comprehensive series of public
19 meetings and public hearings, which included electronic outreach efforts to gather public input in
20 the preparation of its Plan; and

1 WHEREAS, to encourage public input and enhance public understanding of the redistricting
 2 process and procedures, and to promote transparency, a redistricting website was created, which
 3 included but was not limited to information on the redistricting process and timelines, agenda and
 4 meeting minutes, census data, public comments, briefings, preliminary and final plan proposals;
 5 and

6 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission transmitted its 2021 Redistricting
 7 Commission Plan and Report to the County Council on September 1, 2021; and

8 WHEREAS, as further required by Section 305 of the County Charter, the County Council
 9 held a public hearing on the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report on September 28,
 10 2021, which included public testimony, comment, and plan proposals; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Council conducted public work sessions on October 12, 2021 and
 12 October 14, 2021, respectively, to consider the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report
 13 and to create a 2021 Prince George’s County Council Redistricting Plan for consideration and
 14 action; and

15 WHEREAS, on October 14, 2021, an alternative plan was presented at the County Council
 16 sitting as the Committee of the Whole and the alternative plan, known as the 2021 Prince George’s
 17 County Council Redistricting Plan, was voted favorably out of the Committee of the Whole by the
 18 County Council; and

19 WHEREAS, the district boundaries of the 2021 Prince George’s County Council
 20 Redistricting Plan are set forth in Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, and
 21 Q, and attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth fully herein; and

22 WHEREAS, Attachment A is a depiction of Existing District Boundaries, Attachment B is a
 23 depiction of Council’s Proposed Plan from October 14, 2021, Attachment C depicts a Comparison
 24 of Existing Districts and Proposed Districts, Attachment D depicts a Countywide Map of the
 25 Proposed Plan, Attachment E depicts Proposed Districts Overlaid with Existing District
 26 Boundaries, Attachment F depicts the Block Equivalency Files of the Proposed Plan, Attachment
 27 G depicts the Metes and Bounds of the Proposed Plan, Attachment H depicts Population
 28 Demographics of the Proposed Plan, Attachment I depicts Proposed District 1, Attachment J
 29 depicts Proposed District 2, Attachment K depicts Proposed District 3, Attachment L depicts
 30 Proposed District 4, Attachment M depicts Proposed District 5, Attachment N depicts Proposed
 31 District 6, Attachment O depicts Proposed District 7, Attachment P depicts Proposed District 8,

1 and Attachment Q depicts Proposed District 9; and

2 WHEREAS, the 2021 Prince George’s County Council Redistricting Plan as set forth in
3 Attachments A through Q meets the requirements of Section 305 of the County Charter that the
4 redistricting plan of County Council district boundaries be compact, contiguous, and equal in
5 population; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Council to exercise its authority pursuant to Section
7 305 of the County Charter; now, therefore

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George’s County,
9 Maryland, that the 2021 Prince George’s County Council Redistricting Plan, as set forth in
10 Attachments A through Q hereto, and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, be and the same is
11 hereby approved.

12 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
13 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
14 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
15 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words,
16 phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since
17 the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or
18 unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

19 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby directed
20 to transmit a certified copy of the approved 2021 Prince George’s County Council Redistricting
21 Plan to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections on the date it becomes law for further
22 administrative action.

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive