

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2012, Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 5-12

Councilmembers Marks & Huff

By the County Council, January 17, 2012

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter - Qualifications of Councilmembers

FOR the purpose of restricting a member of the Baltimore County Council to serving not more than a certain number of terms in office, effective at a certain time; deleting obsolete language; and submitting this proposed Charter amendment to the qualified voters of the County for their approval or rejection.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 203
Article II. The County Council
Baltimore County Charter

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that under the authority granted to it by Section 1202 of the Baltimore
3 County Charter, Section 203 of Article II., The County Council, of the Baltimore County Charter,
4 be and it is hereby proposed to be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
 Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 Article II. The County Council

2 Sec. 203. Term of office; qualifying time.

3 Members of the county council shall hold office for terms of four years commencing at the
4 time of their election and continuing until their successors shall qualify, EXCEPT THAT A
5 MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE TO SERVE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS,
6 EFFECTIVE WITH THE TERM THAT BEGINS IN DECEMBER, 2014. They shall qualify on the
7 first Monday in December following their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable and shall
8 enter upon the duties of their office immediately upon their qualification [; provided, however, that
9 the members of the first county council elected after the adoption of this Charter shall hold office
10 only until the next quadrennial election and until their successors have qualified for office].

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that pursuant to Section 1202 of the
12 Baltimore County Charter, the question whether or not the Charter is to be amended as proposed by
13 this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election on November
14 6, 2012, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the
15 County for five successive weeks prior to the election.