

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 15-18

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, March 5, 2018

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter – Legislative Procedure

FOR the purpose of deleting an obsolete provision of the Charter authorizing the expeditious passage of a bill in certain cases; increasing the number of days within which a Bill may be considered after its introduction in the County Council and prior to its automatic expiration; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Charter.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments
Section 308(f) and (h)
Article III - The Legislative Branch
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 308(f) and (h) of Article III - The Legislative Branch, of the Baltimore
4 County Charter, be and it is hereby proposed and to be repealed and re-enacted, with
5 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 III. The Legislative Branch

2 Sec. 308 – Legislative procedure.

3 (f) Effective date of laws; emergency measures. [No bill shall be passed before the
4 tenth calendar day following its introduction, except by the consent of a majority plus one of the
5 total number of county council members established by this Charter.] All public local laws and
6 ordinances enacted by the county council shall take effect forty-five days after enactment, unless
7 by the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the total number of county council members
8 established by this Charter any such law or ordinance shall be declared to be effective on an
9 earlier or later date, or declared an emergency measure affecting the public health, safety or
10 welfare, in which latter event the same shall take effect from the date of enactment. The term
11 “emergency measure” shall not include any measure creating or abolishing any office or
12 changing the salary, term or duty of any officer, or granting any franchise or special privilege, or
13 creating any vested right or interest.

14 (h) Failure of bills. Any bill not passed within [forty] SIXTY-FIVE days after its
15 introduction shall fail.

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17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that pursuant to Section 1202 of the
18 Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as
19 proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election
20 on November 6, 2018, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general
21 circulation in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that upon ratification by the voters
2 of Baltimore County, this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day following
3 said election.

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