

**HB0655/453627/1**

BY: Delegate M. Fisher

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 655, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 2 of the bill, strike “**Government**” and substitute “**Elections**”; in the same line, after “**Elections**” insert “**and Montgomery County Straw Ballot**”; in the same line, strike “– **District Voting**”; and in line 5, after “elections” insert “**and the holding of a straw ballot in Montgomery County**”.

On page 1 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments (HB0655/795968/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, after “of” insert “**certain provisions of**”; and in the same line, after “Act;” insert “**requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Montgomery County at the November general election of 2022 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the issue of redrawing County Council districts in a certain manner; providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot;**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments, in line 6 of Amendment No. 2, after “That” insert “**Section 1 of**”; in line 11, after “Act.” insert:

**“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Montgomery County Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2022 the following question:**

**“Do you favor redrawing the Montgomery County Council districts to guarantee that at least one County Council district is composed of a majority of voters who are members of the minority party?”**

(Over)

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Montgomery County Board of Elections and the County Council of Montgomery County shall do those things necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared for the November general election of 2022, so that each participating voter in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of the Election Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.”;

and in line 12, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”.