
By: Carroll County Delegation

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Board of County Commissioners - Composition**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members on the Board of County
4 Commissioners of Carroll County; specifying that the Commissioners are to be
5 elected at large; submitting this Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters
6 of Carroll County; providing for the effect of a possible contingency; providing for
7 the application of this Act; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the
8 membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
11 Section 3-1
12 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
13 (1976 Edition and 1996 Supplement, as amended)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

17 3-1.

18 (a) There are [3] 5 County Commissioners for Carroll County WHO SHALL BE
19 ELECTED AT LARGE.

20 (B) Each County Commissioner is entitled to:

21 (1) A salary of [\$32,500.00] \$32,500 a year; and

22 (2) An allowance for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of
23 that office, as provided in the county budget.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes
25 legally effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters
26 of Carroll County at the general election to be held in November 1998 or, if a special
27 election is held throughout Carroll County prior to the general election held in November
28 1998, at that special election. The cost of the election, if any, shall be paid by the county
29 governing body. The county governing body and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of
30 Carroll County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the

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1 referendum required by this section. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels
2 to be used at the election the title "Board of County Commissioners - Expansion to Five
3 Commissioners" and underneath the title, on separate lines, options for a voter to select
4 "For Increasing Size of the Board" or "Against Increasing Size of the Board". If a
5 majority of the votes cast on the question are "For Increasing Size of the Board", the
6 provisions of this Act shall become effective for the election of the Board of County
7 Commissioners in 1998 if this question appears on the ballot at a special election held on
8 or before June 1, 1998. If this question appears on a ballot at an election held after June
9 1, 1998, and a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For Increasing Size of the
10 Board", the provisions of this Act shall become effective for the election of the Board of
11 County Commissioners in 2002. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are
12 "Against Increasing Size of the Board", the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null
13 and void.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 2
15 of this Act, if the majority of voters of Carroll County elect to adopt home rule under the
16 provisions of Article XI-A or Article XI-F of the Constitution of Maryland at the same
17 election when the question under Section 2 of this Act appears on the ballot, the
18 provisions of this Act, and the results of any election conducted pursuant to this Act, are
19 void and of no effect.

20 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be
21 construed to have any effect on the County Commissioners of Carroll County serving on
22 the effective date of this Act, but shall be applied, in accordance with Section 2 of this
23 Act, to the election of the Board of County Commissioners in 1998 or 2002.

24 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
25 of Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required
26 by Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.