Amendment to Chapter 27 of the Charles County Code to provide certain selection criteria for the members of the Charles County Redistricting. Section 1 – Number of Commissioners designated; term; Redistricting Board

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Pass/Fail: Pass

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Remarks: ________________________________

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2021 Legislative Session

Bill No. 2021-03

Chapter. No. 27

Introduced by Commissioner Stewart

Date of Introduction May 25, 2021

BILL

An ACT concerning
THE CHARLES COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD
FOR the purpose of
Amending the Charles County Code to provide certain selection
criteria for the members of the Charles County Redistricting Board
BY amending:
CHAPTER 27 – COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY
Section 1 – Number of Commissioners designated; term; Redistricting
Board
Code of Charles County
(2013 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

B. Redistricting Board.

(1) Not later than January 1, 1992, a seven-member Redistricting Board shall be appointed as provided for in Subsection B(2) of this section.

(2) The Redistricting Board shall be composed of three appointees of the County Commissioners, two appointees of the Democratic Central Committee and two appointees of the Republican Central Committee.

A. THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS SHALL BE INTENDED TO PRODUCE A COMMISSION THAT IS INDEPENDENT FROM LEGISLATIVE INFLUENCE, IMPARTIAL, AND REASONABLY
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S DIVERSITY AND GEOGRAPHICAL, RACIAL AND GENDER MAKEUP.

B. None of the appointees shall be employees of the County or the state.

C. NO APPOINTEE MAY BE:

1. A MEMBER OR CANDIDATE FOR ANY POLITICAL OFFICE IN THE COUNTY, STATE, OR UNITED STATES.

2. AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE

3. A MEMBER OF STAFF OF THE GOVERNOR, MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR UNITED STATES CONGRESS; OR

4. A CURRENT REGISTERED LOBBYIST IN THE STATE OR COUNTY

D. EACH APPOINTEE SHALL BE A VOTER WHO, FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT, HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN THE STATE CONTINUOUSLY WITH THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY OR CONTINUOUSLY WITH NEITHER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

E. The Redistricting Board shall convene not later than 30 days after appointment to organize and elect a Chairman from among its members.
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2021.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ATTEST:

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