

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 14

Bill No. 56-22

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Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Councilman

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By the County Council, August 1, 2022

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Council – Compensation and Retirement Benefits

FOR the purpose of increasing the compensation of the members of the County Council in accordance with the required recommendation of the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board for the term of office to begin in December 2022; ~~repealing~~ amending a previously-enacted cap on Councilmember pensions; and generally relating to the compensation and retirement benefits of the County Council.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 2-1-103(a)  
Article 2 – Legislative Branch  
Title 1 – County Council  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

and

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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.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 5-1-237(b)  
Article 5 – Pensions and Retirement  
Title 1 – Employees Retirement System  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 10-302 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and under Section 2-1-102 of the County Code, the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board of Baltimore County (“PSAB”) is the Commission that recommends the compensation and allowances for members of the County legislative body; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-302 of the Local Government Article requires that within 15 days after the beginning of the fourth year of the term, the PSAB shall submit to the County legislative body its recommendation for the compensation and allowances for members of the County legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the County legislative body may reduce or reject the PSAB’s recommendation, but may not increase any item, and any change in the compensation and allowances of members of the County legislative body shall be enacted by ordinance before the election for the members of the next succeeding County legislative body and take effect only for the members of the next succeeding County legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the PSAB made a recommendation regarding the compensation to be paid to the members of the Baltimore County Council; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

1 ARTICLE 2 – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

2 Title 1 – County Council

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4 §2-1-103. Compensation.

5 (a) Beginning on the date in December [2014] 2022 that the members of the County  
6 Council qualify as provided in §203 of the Charter, the annual salary of the members of the  
7 County Council shall be:

8 (1) [\$70,000] \$77,000 for the Chairman; and

9 (2) [\$62,500] \$69,000 for all other members.

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11 ARTICLE 5 – PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

12 Title 1 – Employees Retirement System

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14 § 5-1-237. Members of County Council and County Executive.

15 (b) Any such member who has completed sixteen (16) years of service or has attained  
16 the age of fifty-five (55) and has completed four (4) years of service may retire and receive a  
17 retirement allowance which shall be equal to one-twentieth of the member's average final  
18 compensation multiplied by the number of years of the member's service ~~NOT IN EXCESS OF~~  
19 ~~TWENTY (20) YEARS.~~ [No member may receive a retirement allowance in excess of sixty  
20 percent (60%) of the member's average final compensation AFTER 12 YEARS OF SERVICE,  
21 AND NO MEMBER MAY RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IN EXCESS OF  
22 SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION  
23 AFTER 16 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.]

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2           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
3   the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 15 days after its  
4   enactment, and § 5-1-237(b) of this Act shall apply to any Councilmember who is currently in  
5   office and a member of the County retirement system as of the effective date of this Act and to  
6   any Councilmember who assumes office and becomes a member of the County retirement  
7   system after the effective date of this Act.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION

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DISPOSITION

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AMENDMENTS

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