

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2022 Legislative Session

Bill 2022-08

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

Introduced by Charles County Commissioners

Amending the Code of Charles County to implement voting of district Commissioners
by a plurality of votes cast in district only

Date introduced: 09 / 13 / 2022

Public Hearing: 10 / 19 / 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Hybrid-Virtually/In-Person

Commissioners Action: 10 / 19 / 2022 _____

Commissioner Votes: RBC: N, BR: Y, GB: Y, TC: N, AS: Y

Pass/Fail: Pass

Effective Date: 12 / 03 / 2022

Remarks: _____

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[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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7 Chapter. No. 27

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11 **BILL**

12 AN ACT concerning

13 **COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS**

14 FOR the purpose of

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16 Amending the Code of Charles County to implement voting of district Commissioners by a plurality
17 of votes cast in district only.
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19 BY amending:

20 Chapter 27 Commissioners, County

21 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

22 *(2016 Edition)*
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24 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES
25 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:
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27 § 27-1 Number of Commissioners designated; terms; Redistricting Board.

28 (A) There shall be five County Commissioners for Charles County IN ACCORDANCE WITH
29 §27-1(A)(1) THROUGH §27-1(A)(5) OF THIS CHAPTER, WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS
30 OF THE COUNTY [, four of whom shall be elected at large, with one residing in each of the four
31 County Commissioner Districts of the County. The fifth shall hold the position of President of the
32 County Commissioners may reside in any area of the County and shall be elected at large]. The
33 County Commissioners shall be elected at the General Election held in 1994 and every four years
34 thereafter, for terms of four years. The terms of the Commissioners shall begin on the first Tuesday
35 of December following the General Election or as soon afterwards as certified by the Governor

36 (1) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL RESIDE IN COMMISSIONER DISTRICT ONE
37 FOR AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
THE GENERAL ELECTION, AND BE ELECTED BY A PLURALITY OF VOTES CAST BY
VOTERS OF DISTRICT ONE;

1 (2) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL RESIDE IN COMMISSIONER DISTRICT TWO
2 FOR AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
3 THE GENERAL ELECTION, AND BE ELECTED BY A PLURALITY OF VOTES CAST BY
4 VOTERS OF DISTRICT TWO;

5 (3) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL RESIDE IN COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
6 THREE FOR AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY
7 PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION, AND BE ELECTED BY A PLURALITY OF VOTES
8 CAST BY VOTERS OF DISTRICT THREE;

9 (4) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL RESIDE IN COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
10 FOUR FOR AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
11 THE GENERAL ELECTION, AND BE ELECTED BY A PLURALITY OF VOTES CAST BY
12 VOTERS OF DISTRICT FOUR; AND

13 (5) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF
14 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND SHALL RESIDE IN ANY COMMISSIONER
15 DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS
16 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ELECTION AND SHALL BE ELECTED AT
17 LARGE.

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19 **SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this act shall take effect forty-five (45)
20 calendar days after it becomes law.

21 ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2022.

22 County Commissioners of
23 Charles County, Maryland

24 Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

25 Bobby Rucci, Vice President

26 Gilbert O. Bowling, III

27 Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.

28 Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed.

29 ATTEST:

30 Carol DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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