Count Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. 3 - 2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson
at the request of the Compensation Review Commission

AN ACT to set the annual compensation of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2022.

Introduced and read first time Jan 4, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Jan 18, 2022.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Feb 7, 2022 and Passed, Passed with amendments, Failed.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of Feb, 2022 at 2 p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Feb 9, 2022

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [text in brackets] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.
Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:

By amending:

Title 5. County Council.
Subtitle 2. Compensation.

Section 5.200. Annual Salary.

Title 5. County Council.
Subtitle 2. Compensation.


(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c) [[and]], (d), AND (E) of this section, the annual salary of the Chairperson and the other members of the County Council for the four year term beginning on the date in December of [2018] 2022 on which Council Members take office shall be [[calculated as follows:

(1) Beginning on the date of installation in December 2018, the base salary shall be $66,174.00 per year;

(2) The salary shall increase annually on the anniversary date beginning in December of 2019 and for each subsequent year of the term;

(3) The salary in December 2019 and for each subsequent year of the term shall be equal to the amount of the base salary in the previous year increased by the same percentage as the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD average), all items, unadjusted ("CPI-U Index") for the 12-month period ending on December 31 of the year for which the new salary base is calculated. This new salary shall become the base for the calculation of the salary for the subsequent year;

(4) In the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics abandons publication of the CPI-U Index, the base salary for members of the County Council shall be increased by two and one-half percent over the base of the preceding year]] $73,663 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TERM THAT BEGINS DECEMBER 2022 AND SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY IN EQUAL DOLLAR AMOUNTS SO THAT IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE TERM THE SALARY IS $83,256.

(b) In addition to the base salary calculated for Members of the County Council, the Council Chairperson shall receive an additional $3,500.00 annually.
(c) In addition to the salary authorized in subsection (a) of this section, each member of the County Council shall be eligible to receive the same employee benefits as are established each year for full-time County employees.

(d) Each Council Member shall also receive a monthly stipend of $200 to be used for work-related communication services.

(e) Each Council Member shall be allocated a total of $1,500 for the four-year term that the Council Member may use to reimburse the costs of technology and electronic devices that are not provided by the County but are helpful in performing his or her duties. The unused portion should be re-appropriated from year to year until the next election.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.
BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on ____________, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council