

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-048-2022

Chapter No. 24

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Hawkins, Harrison, Turner, Dernoga, Streeter,
Medlock, and Burroughs

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 7, 2022

CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Amendment of Section 307, Charter of Prince George’s County

3 For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Section 307 of the Charter of Prince George’s
4 County to provide that an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince
5 George’s County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election; to provide
6 that Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified
7 voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general
8 election; and to provide that in an election year immediately following an approved decennial
9 redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one year residency
10 requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply if a person is deemed a
11 qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district because of a boundary change
12 in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in their former Council
13 district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the
14 same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for
15 filing a certificate of candidacy; and generally regarding Council member election and residency
16 requirements.

17 BY proposing an amendment to:

18 Section 307,

19 Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland.

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George’s County,

Maryland, that the following amendment to Section 307, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

Section 307. Qualifications and Restrictions.

An at-large Council [M] member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County for at least one year immediately preceding [his or her] their [primary] general election. Council [M] members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding [his or her] their [primary] general election. In an election year immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy. [Except that a person is deemed a qualified voter to serve as a Council member representing one of the nine Council districts if the boundaries of the Council districts that the person has been chosen to represent, were redrawn in a decennial redistricting plan less than one year prior to the date of the person's general election and the person shall have resided in the Council district as of the date of filing a certificate of candidacy.] During [his] their term of office, [he] they shall not hold any other office of profit in state, county, or municipal government. A Council member shall not, during the whole term for which [he] they [was] were elected, be eligible for appointment to any County office or position carrying compensation which has been created during [his] their term of office.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Prince George's County Board [of Supervisors] of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2022 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election occurring on November 8, 2022, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

1 To provide that an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified
 2 voter of Prince George's County for at least one year immediately
 3 preceding their general election. Council members representing one of the
 4 nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective
 5 Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general
 6 election. In an election year immediately following an approved decennial
 7 redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-
 8 year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election
 9 shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides
 10 in their former Council district because of a boundary change in the
 11 approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in
 12 their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding
 13 their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as
 14 changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for
 15 filing a certificate of candidacy.

Adopted this 5th day of July, 2022, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of
 the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
 GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
 Calvin S. Hawkins, II
 Chair

ATTEST:

 Donna J. Brown
 Clerk of the Council

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022,
AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 1, 2022