

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 25-001

Brief Title (Term Limits Code Revision)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Melba A. Dixon

Council Administrator

Date 2/18/25

ENROLLED

Robert Vincent

Council President

Date Feb 18 / 2025

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 25-007

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Melba A. Dixon

Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 19th
Day of February 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Melba A. Dixon

Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

[Signature]

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 2-24-25

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 25-001 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law on February 24, 2025.

EFFECTIVE: April 25, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 25-001

Introduced by Council President Vincenti

Legislative Day No. 25-001

Date January 7, 2025

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 4-7, Terms of Council members, of Article I, Legislative Branch, of Chapter 4, Administration of Government, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to revise the County Code to establish term limits for County Council Members to reflect the changes made by the Charter amendment proposed in Bill No. 23-028 and approved by the voters of Harford County; and generally relating to the Legislative Branch.

By the Council, January 7, 2025

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: February 4, 2025

at: 7:15 PM

By Order: *Mylin A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on February 4, 2025, and concluded on February 4, 2025.

Mylin A. Dixon, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 4-7, Term of Council members, of Article I, Legislative Branch, of Chapter 4, Administration of Government, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter 4. Administration of Government

Article I. Legislative Branch

§ 4-7. Terms of Council members

A Council member shall serve for a term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December next following election and ending at noon on the first Monday in December in the fourth year thereafter.

NO PERSON ELECTED OR APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCCESSION IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER AFTER SERVING IN SUCH OFFICE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE FULL FOUR-YEAR TERMS. A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, HOWEVER, WHO WAS NOT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM BEING ELECTED OR APPOINTED AS THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AFTER HAVING SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE FULL FOUR-YEAR TERMS AS A COUNCIL MEMBER BUT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SUCCESSION IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AFTER SERVING IN SUCH OFFICE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS. IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, NO TERM OR PART OF ANY TERM SERVED PRIOR TO THE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 SHALL BE USED IN CALCULATING THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS A COUNCIL MEMBER MAY SERVE.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: April 25, 2025

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.

Mykia A. Dixon

Council Administrator