

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2016

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to clarify that there is no legislative session in August and to indicate that the session in December is only to take specified actions.

Introduced and read first time on September 6, 2016.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 19, 2016.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on October 5, 2016.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 (2) AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN DECEMBER, THE COUNCIL:

2 (I) SHALL ELECT OFFICERS;

3 (II) MAY ACT ON BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS ALREADY BEFORE IT;

4 AND

5 (III) EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE
6 INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION.

7 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING ANY MONTH WHEN NO
8 LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED.

9 ~~[[a]]~~ (C) Additions to Agenda.

10 (1) The legislative agenda may remain open until 11 days prior to the legislative day
11 and each Councilmember shall have the right to place thereon any proper matter of business.

12 (2) Legislation to be included on the agenda for introduction shall be prefiled with the
13 Council Administrator no later than 2:00 p.m. on:

14 (i) The 11th day preceding the legislative day; or

15 (ii) The second day preceding the County holiday if the prefile deadline
16 established in subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section falls on a day immediately before a
17 County Government holiday.

18 (3) Once the agenda has been closed, it may be amended for additions by an
19 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Councilmembers.

20 (4) In case of a duly called emergency session or emergency legislation, the 11-day
21 period does not apply.

22 ~~[[b]]~~ (D) Preparation of Nonlegislative Agenda.

23 The Administrator shall prepare a written agenda for each worksession or hearing which
24 shall include the following:

25 (1) Numbers and titles of all bills and resolutions to be considered.

26 (2) Such other business as may properly come before the Council.

27 ~~[[c]]~~ (E) Status of bills.

28 The Administrator shall prepare an addendum to the agenda for each legislative meeting
29 which shall show the status of all legislative enactments of the current session having been
30 properly introduced but not yet having been finally disposed.

- 1 [[(d)] (F) Notice to Councilmember.
- 2 The Administration shall forward to each Councilmember a copy of each agenda, as
- 3 compiled at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to which it pertains.