

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 5- 2014

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

AN ACT to repeal and enact a new Section 5.200 "Annual Salary" of Subtitle 2 "Compensation" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to set the annual salary of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2014.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2014. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila Tolliver, 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 _____, 2014.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2014 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this __day of _____, 2014 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2014.

Ken Ulman, 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.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 Section 5.200 “Annual Salary” of Subtitle 2 “Compensation” of Title 5 “County Council”
3 of Howard County Code is repealed and a new Section 5.200 is enacted to read as follows:
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5 **Title 5. County Council.**
6 **Subtitle 2. Compensation.**
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8 **Sec 5.200. Annual Salary.**

9 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B), (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE
10 ANNUAL SALARY OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
11 COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON THE DATE IN
12 DECEMBER OF 2014 ON WHICH COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE SHALL BE
13 CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

- 14 (1) BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF INSTALLATION IN DECEMBER 2014, THE
15 BASE SALARY SHALL BE \$59,950 PER YEAR;
- 16 (2) THE SALARY SHALL INCREASE ANNUALLY ON THE ANNIVERSARY
17 DATE BEGINNING IN DECEMBER OF 2015 AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT
18 YEAR OF THE TERM;
- 19 (3) THE SALARY IN DECEMBER 2015 AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR
20 OF THE TERM SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE SALARY
21 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR INCREASED BY THE GREATER OF 2.5 PERCENT
22 OVER THE BASE OF THE PRECEDING YEAR OR THE SAME PERCENTAGE
23 AS THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN
24 CONSUMERS (CPI-U WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE DC-MD-VA-WV
25 AVERAGE), ALL ITEMS, UNADJUSTED (“CPI-U INDEX”) FOR THE 12
26 MONTH PERIOD ENDING ON JANUARY 31 OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE
27 NEW SALARY BASE IS CALCULATED. THIS NEW SALARY SHALL
28 BECOME THE BASE FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE SALARY FOR THE
29 SUBSEQUENT YEAR;
- 30 (4) IN THE EVENT THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS ABANDONS
31 PUBLICATION OF THE CPI-U INDEX, THE BASE SALARY FOR MEMBERS

1 OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE INCREASED BY 2.5 PERCENT
2 OVER THE BASE OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.

3 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE BASE SALARY CALCULATED FOR MEMBERS OF THE
4 COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON SHALL RECEIVE AN
5 ADDITIONAL \$3,500 ANNUALLY.

6 (C) COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL ALSO BE ALLOCATED \$3,500 UPON ELECTION OR
7 RE-ELECTION FOR THEIR TERM OF OFFICE IN THE COUNCIL BUDGET FOR THE
8 PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT ARE NOT
9 PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY BUT ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE AND
10 OBLIGATIONS OF THEIR DUTIES.

11 (D) IN ADDITION TO THE SALARY AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
12 SECTION, EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO
13 RECEIVE THE SAME EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AS ARE ESTABLISHED EACH YEAR
14 FOR FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

15 (E) EACH COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A MONTHLY STIPEND OF \$150
16 TO BE USED FOR A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE WORK-RELATED USE OF A
17 PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE.

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