

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 99 - 2012

Introduced by: Council Member Calvin Ball

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 202 "County Council" of the Howard County Charter by changing from three to four the maximum number of terms the Council Members can serve; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Introduced and read first time June 7, 2012.

By order Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 18, 2012.

Tabled July 2, 2012

By order Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on July 26, 2012.

By order Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 Section 202 "County Council" subsection (c) "Term of Office", of Article II, "The
3 Legislative Branch", of the Howard County Charter, be, and is hereby amended to read
4 as follows:

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6 **Section 202. County Council.**

7 (c) *Term of office.* Members of the Council shall qualify for office on the first Monday
8 in December following their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable and shall enter
9 upon the duties of their office immediately upon their qualification. They shall hold
10 office for a term of four years commencing at the time of their qualification and
11 continuing until their successors shall qualify. A person who has been elected to the
12 County Council ~~[[three]]~~ FOUR times or who has been elected to the County Council
13 ~~[[twice]]~~ THREE TIMES and has been appointed to fill a Council vacancy and served two or
14 more years of that term shall be ineligible to be a candidate for the County Council. In
15 determining eligibility of a candidate pursuant to this subsection, no term or part of any
16 term served prior to the election of November 6, 1990, shall be used in calculating the
17 limitation on number of terms a Council member may serve.

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19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
20 County, Maryland, that at the next general election to be held in Maryland, the proposed
21 amendment to the Howard County Charter shall be submitted to the voters of Howard
22 County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with the provisions of the Article X
23 of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution, and if
24 adopted by the majority of the voters, shall stand adopted from and after the 30th day
25 following the general election;

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27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
28 County, Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the
29 members of the Howard County Council, stands adopted this _____ day of
30 _____, 2012 in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter.

Amendment 1
Council Resolution No. 99- 2012

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 9
Date: July 2, 2012

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment inserts an effective date for term limits.)

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On page 1, make the following changes:

1. in line 12, strike “[~~three~~] FOUR” and substitute “THREE”;
2. in line 13, strike “[~~twice~~]THREE TIMES” and substitute “TWICE”; and
3. in line 14, after “Council.” insert “BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022, A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED FOUR TIMES OR WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL THREE TIMES AND HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO FILL A COUNCIL VACANCY AND SERVED TWO OR MORE YEARS OF THAT TERM SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.”