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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

No. 4 - Fiscal Year 2020

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$701,568 486,100 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Board of Elections to cover unanticipated costs associated with Maryland's 7th Congressional District special primary and general election ~~and converting the primary election to a "vote-by-mail" election.~~

Introduced and read first time May 27, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 June 1, 2020.

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This Bill was read the third time on June 1, 2020 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

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Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2nd day of June, 2020 at 11:30 a.m./p.m.

By order

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Approved by the County Executive June 2, 2020

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, 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.

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2	Less amount transferred to the Board of Elections	<u>(\$701,568 486,100)</u>
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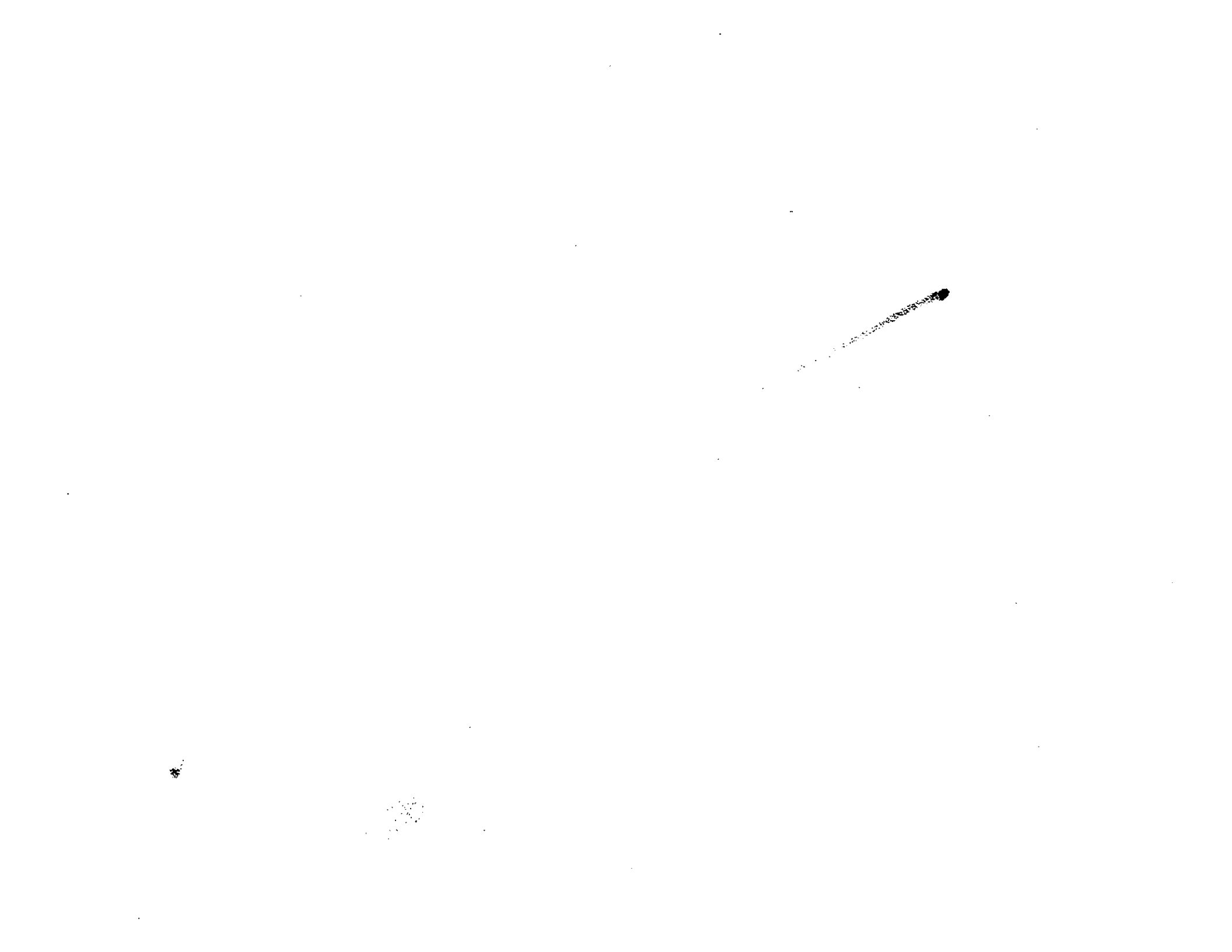
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BY: The Chairperson at the request
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Legislative Day 9
Date: June 1, 2020

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ADOPTED June 1, 2020
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SIGNATURE Diana A. Jones

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Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Supplemental Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 4-2020

Introduced: May 27, 2020

Auditor: Owen Clark

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of Supplemental Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 4-2020 is an expenditure of \$468,100. The requested funds are unencumbered and available for transfer.

Purpose:

This legislation would establish \$486,100 of funding for unanticipated costs associated with Maryland's 7th Congressional District special primary and general elections.

Please see the Administration's testimony, provided by the Board of Elections, that details these expenditures by cost category.

Other Comments:

An amendment has been filed to SAO4-2020 that allocates the unanticipated Presidential Primary Election expenses (\$215,468) to be reimbursed from CARES Act funding. These were incurred due to the State changing the voting process to a mail-in vote as a result of COVID-19.

Based on our Office's inquiries to the Administration, we have been informed that:

- The Board of Elections currently has access to a \$200,000 earmark that will be carried forward into FY 2021 to cover unbudgeted costs from potential changes to the Presidential General Election.
- The State Legislature passed an emergency bill in March for voters not to pay for postage associated with mail-in ballots. This expense is split 50/50 with the locals and the State.
- There has been no movement for the Presidential General election from the Governor, who is expected to decide on the voting format by mid-June. The Board of Elections is proceeding as if the election will be in-person.

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SAO4-FY2020 Additional Amendment to Amendment 1

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Dear Council,

As I testified for SAO4-FY2020, if the SAO is only to address the special elections held for the 7th Congressional District and not the regular primary and general elections, then an amendment to Amendment 1 is needed. For transparency, consistency with the names of the different elections used by the Board of Elections, and clarity of drafting and interpretation "special" should be added before "general election" in the title and "a special" should be added before "general" in line 8 on page 1.

In addition, because the special general election was the first to be converted to a vote-by-mail election, why is it not also eligible for CARES Act funds?

Joel Hurewitz

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Glendenning, Craig
Subject: SAO4-FY2020 Presidential Primary Election

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Dear Council,

I would hope that the public record/fiscal analysis could reflect the original appropriation for the Presidential Primary and how much savings were incurred in not opening the precinct voting locations and paying all of the judges and staff as well as the gross amount of the increased costs of processing and mailing the ballots.

Joel Hurewitz