

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 1

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION appointing David Marker, Everlene Cunningham, McNeal Brown, Mahesh S. Kukata, Chris Oxenham, Ray Serrano, and Donna Hill Staton to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission, appointing Cynthia Fikes and Lili Shippe as alternates to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission, and naming Donna Hill Staton as the Chairperson of the Commission; and generally relating to Councilmanic Redistricting.

Introduced and read first time on January 4, 2021.

By order



Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on January 19, 2021.

By order



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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on February 3, 2021.

Certified by



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1 **WHEREAS**, Section 202(f) of the Howard County Charter requires the County Council,
2 after each decennial census, to promptly adopt a Resolution appointing a Councilmanic
3 Redistricting Commission; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the decennial census occurred in the year 2020; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission is to be made up of three
6 members nominated by the Central committee of each political party which polled at least twenty-
7 five percent of the total vote cast for all the candidates for Office of County Executive in the last
8 preceding general election plus one member appointed by the County Council; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Central Committees of the Democratic and Republican parties in Howard
10 County are eligible and have each submitted three names; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Council is required to appoint the nominees submitted by the Central
13 Committees to the Commission plus one additional member of the Commission; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Council is required to appoint the Chairperson of the Commission from
16 among the Commission members;

17 “WHEREAS, an alternate to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission does not
18 constitute a member of the Commission to be counted for purposes of a quorum of the
19 Commission until such time the alternate fills a vacancy on the Commission because of the
20 resignation of a Commission member, the death of a Commission member, or for any other
21 reason that a member is no longer serving on the Commission; and

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23 WHEREAS, in order to enable the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission to
24 complete its work within the required timeline, it is the intent of the Council to identify alternate
25 members in this Resolution so that in the event of a Commission vacancy, the work of the
26 Commission continues to move forward in a timely manner because: 1) the timeline to present a
27 Councilmanic Redistricting Plan to the Council is shorter than the timeline for previous
28 Commissions; 2) there will be a delay in Commission receipt of Census data; and 3) due to the

1 COVID-19 public health State of Emergency and social distancing directives, the work of the
2 Commission will be conducted virtually until there is no longer a public health State of Emergency.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
4 Maryland this 3rd day of February, 2021 that the following persons are appointed as
5 members of the Councilmanic Redistricting commission to serve from the passage of this
6 resolution until February 28, 2022.

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8 The following persons have been nominated by the Central committee of the Democratic
9 Party:

10 David A. Marker
11 Columbia, Maryland

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13 Everlene Cunningham
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16 McNeal Brown
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19 Cynthia Fikes, Alternate
20 Columbia, Maryland

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22 The following persons have been nominated by the Central Committee of the Republican
23 Party:

24 Mahesh S. Kukata
25 Ellicott City, Maryland

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27 Chris Oxenham
28 Woodbine, Maryland

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30 Ray Serrano

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3 Lili Shippe, Alternate

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Woodbine, Maryland

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