

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

## Resolution No. 88 - 2014

Introduced by: Councilmember Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 209 “Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; 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.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted \_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 the Howard County Charter is amended as follows:

3 By amending: Article II. The Legislative Branch.

4 Section 209. Legislative procedure.

5 Subsection 209(h). Failure of bills.

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7 **Article II. Legislative Branch.**

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9 **Section 209. Legislative Procedure.**

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11 (h) *Failure of bills.* Any bill not passed within sixty-five calendar days after its  
12 introduction shall fail, unless, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members,  
13 the Council shall extend the deadline for another thirty days. THE COUNCIL MAY  
14 APPROVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO SUCH EXTENSIONS FOR EACH BILL.

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

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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
25 County, Maryland, that this Resolution, having been approved by two-thirds of the  
26 members of the Howard County Council, stands adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
27 \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter.