

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 6

Bill No. 26-26

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Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Councilman

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By the County Council, March 2, 2026

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter – County Council Compensation and Redistricting

FOR the purpose of amending the County Charter to repeal the provision providing that membership on the County Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining compensation; repeal the requirement that revision of Council Districts shall occur after each decennial census of the United States; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Charter.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 204, 206, and 207(a)  
Article II – The County Council  
Baltimore County Charter

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that under the authority granted to it by Section 1202 of the Baltimore  
3 County Charter, Sections 204, 206, and 207(a) of Article II – The County Council, of the  
4 Baltimore County Charter, be and are hereby proposed to be repealed and re-enacted, with  
5 amendments, to read as follows:

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7 ARTICLE II – THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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9 Section 204. Compensation.

10 Compensation and allowances to be paid to members of the county council shall be set as  
11 provided in § 10-302 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as  
12 amended. [Membership on the council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of  
13 determining compensation.]

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15 Section 206. Council districts.

16 (a) Baltimore County is divided into nine council districts.

17 (b) Revisions of council districts may only be enacted in accordance with Section 207 of  
18 this Charter [and may only occur:

19 (1) Before October 1, 2025 or after each decennial census of the United States; or

20 (2) Upon ratification of amendments to this Charter by the voters of Baltimore  
21 County to increase or decrease the number of council districts].

1 Section 207. Revision of councilmanic districts.

2 (a) [Not later than March 1 of the year after each decennial census of the United States,  
3 or the year after ratification of amendments to this Charter to increase or decrease the number of  
4 council districts, the County Council shall establish, by resolution, a councilmanic redistricting  
5 commission.]

6 (1) A COUNCILMANIC REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL BE  
7 ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

8 (2) A COMMISSION MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT ANY TIME, PROVIDED  
9 THE COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR  
10 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

11 (3) A COMMISSION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED NO LATER THAN  
12 MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR AFTER:

13 (I) A DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

14 (II) RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THIS CHARTER TO  
15 INCREASE OR DECREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

16 (4) The commission shall be composed of an equal number of members as the  
17 number of county councilmembers established by this charter, with one member nominated by  
18 each councilmember and confirmed by the county council.

19 (5) A person who holds elective office is not eligible for appointment to the  
20 commission.

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22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that pursuant to Section 1202 of the  
23 Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as

1 proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election  
2 on November 3, 2026, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general  
3 circulation in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

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5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that upon ratification by the voters of  
6 Baltimore County, this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day following said  
7 election.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ENACTED \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

## ROLL CALL - BILL

## ROLL CALL - AMENDMENTS

MOTION

SECOND

MOTION

SECOND

AYE      NAY

\*FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND

AYE      NAY

Councilman Young

Councilman Young

Councilman Patoka

Councilman Patoka

Councilman Kach

Councilman Kach

Councilman Jones

Councilman Jones

Councilman Marks

Councilman Marks

Councilman Ertel

Councilman Ertel

Councilman Crandell

Councilman Crandell

## ROLL CALL - AMENDMENTS

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Councilman Young

Councilman Young

Councilman Patoka

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Councilman Kach

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Councilman Jones

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