

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 21

Resolution No. 47-24

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Councilmembers Patoka, Ertel, Kach, Marks, Crandell & Young

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By the County Council, November 18, 2024

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A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council establishing the Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission for the 2026 general election.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024 the County Council enacted Bill 47-24 which amended the Baltimore County Charter to increase the number of Council districts from seven to nine starting with the 2026 election, and to amend the Councilmanic redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the voters of Baltimore County approved the Charter amendments enacted in Bill 47-24, including the requirement that Council districts be revised to establish nine Councilmanic districts for the 2026 election; and

WHEREAS, Bill 47-24 specifically amended Charter Section 206 to state “revisions of council districts may only be enacted in accordance with Section 207 of this Charter and may only occur: before October 1, 2025 or after each decennial census of the United States; or upon ratification of amendments to this Charter by the voters of Baltimore County to increase or decrease the number of council districts; and

WHEREAS, Bill 47-24 also amended Charter Section 207 to change the membership of the redistricting commission from five members appointed by the County Council to seven members, with one commission member nominated by each Councilmember and confirmed by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 207 requires the Commission to hold at least three public hearings and to recommend to the County Council legislation to revise, amend, or reconstitute the councilmanic districts such that the districts are compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population, with due regard given to current natural, geographic, and community boundaries; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the Commission's recommendation, the County Council is required to hold at least one public hearing on the Commission's recommendation and to adopt a final redistricting plan by legislative act in accordance with the requirements of the County Charter; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the amendments to Charter Sections 206 and 207 approved by County voters, the County Council is required to establish a Redistricting Commission to revise the Councilmanic districts for the 2026 election; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission shall be established pursuant to Section 207 of the Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the seven members of the Commission shall be appointed and confirmed by the County Council by January 21, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the overall redistricting deadline in Charter Section 206 of October 1, 2025, the Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission shall hold at least three public hearings and prepare a recommendation and proposed legislation, including the configuration of nine Councilmanic districts, to the County Council in accordance with Charter Section 207 on or before June 13, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission shall dissolve without further action by the County Council by October

31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ENACTED \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

## ROLL CALL - BILL

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SECOND

Councilman Young

    

Councilman Patoka

    

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Councilman Jones

    

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