

Sec. 535. Functions and duties of the department of traffic engineering.

The department of traffic engineering shall be responsible for traffic safety and engineering and shall have and perform such other duties and functions as may from time to time be assigned thereto by directive of the county administrative officer or by legislative act of the county council.

Sec. 801. County council to establish and maintain merit system; composition of exempt service.

At its first annual legislative session after the effective date of this Charter, the county council shall enact a county personnel law establishing a merit system of personnel administration. The county personnel law shall provide for the division of all employees in the county government into the classified and the exempt service, the latter to consist of: (1) all elected officials, (2) the county administrative officer, the zoning commissioner and his deputy, the director of planning, the heads of all offices and departments, [and the heads of the police, fire] and civil defense bureau[s], (3) all employees of the department of education and all employees covered by the state merit system, (4) the members of the appeal tax court and all boards and commissions (except otherwise classified employees serving thereon ex officio), (5) all professional consultants performing temporary or part-time services, (6) all attorneys at law, (7) not more than one confidential clerk or private secretary for the county executive, nor more than one for the county administrative officer, (8) the county auditor and (9) such seasonal or occasional employees and such non-supervisory employees paid on an hourly basis as may be specifically exempted from the effect of the county personnel law or from the plans, rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

*Section 2.* AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 541 of the Baltimore County Charter be and it is hereby proposed to be renumbered to Section 543 and that Subdivisions 9 and 10 and new Sections 541 and 542 be and they are hereby proposed to be added to Division 3. Departments in the Administrative Services, under Article V of the Baltimore County Charter, all to read as follows, if adopted by the voters of Baltimore County, Maryland

Subdivision 9. Police Department.

Sec. 541. Chief of Police.

The police department shall be administered by the chief of police of Baltimore County, who shall also be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the jail bureau and the bureau of civil defense, and who shall have and perform such other duties and functions as may from time to time be assigned thereto by directive of the county administrative officer or by legislative act of the county council.

Subdivision 10. Fire Department.

Section 542. Fire Chief

The fire department shall be administered by the fire chief of Baltimore County, who shall be responsible for the administration of the fire department and shall have and perform such other duties and functions as may, from time to time, be assigned thereto by directive of the county administrative officer or by legislative act of the county council.

*Section 3.* AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to the requirements of Section 1202 of the Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County, Maryland at the