

Bill No. 104

An Act to propose certain amendments to the Baltimore County Charter to provide for the effective date of acts passed by the County Council which have been referred to referendum; to adjust the time within which the county auditor shall submit his annual audit; to adjust the time within which the independent biennial audit of all county departments shall be made and submitted; to correct an omission in reference to the director of recreation and parks; to provide a more representative method of appointment of members of the Board of Recreation and Parks; to prescribe separately the duties and functions of both the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Board of Recreation and Parks; to delegate to the Department of Traffic Engineering the authority to adopt regulations pertaining to the parking of motor vehicles and the movement of traffic, subject to council veto or amendment; to reflect a change in nomenclature made by State law relating to consent to appointment of the county health officer; to enlarge upon and delineate the duties and functions of the County Board of Health including, inter alia, the establishment of public health clinics; to decrease the number of regular meetings of the County Board of Health; to further define the residency requirement if a condition to holding any county office or position of employment with the county; to repeal certain transitory provisions contained in Article XI of the Baltimore County Charter, which are archaic and to delete certain archaic portions of other transitory provisions therein contained, by repealing and re-enacting with amendments Sections 309(a), 311, 312, 531, 539 (b), 539 (j), 1109, 1111 and 1113 of the Baltimore County Charter as amended; by repealing Sections 532, 533, 535 and 539 (d) of said Charter, as amended, and enacting new Sections 532, 533, 535 and 539 (d) in lieu thereof; by adding new subsection (m) to Section 1009 of said Charter; and by repealing Sections 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114 and 1115 of said Charter; and to provide for the submission of said proposed charter amendments to the voters of Baltimore County, Maryland.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, (five members thereof voting in the affirmative) that Sections 309 (a), 311, 312, 531, 539 (b), 539 (j), 1109, 1111 and 1113 of the Baltimore County Charter, as amended be and they are hereby proposed to be repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows, if adopted by the voters of Baltimore County, Maryland:

Section 309—The referendum

(a) Scope of the referendum. The people of Baltimore County reserve to themselves the power known as "The Referendum," by petition to have submitted to the registered voters of the county, to approve or reject at the polls, any enacted law or ordinance or part of any such law or ordinance of the county council. The referendum petition against any such law or ordinance shall be sufficient if signed by ten per centum of the qualified voters of the county calculated upon the whole number of votes cast in the county for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. Such petition shall be filed with the board of supervisors of elections of Baltimore County within forty-five days after the enactment of the law to be referred to the voters at the next general election. *If such a petition is filed as aforesaid, such law or ordinance or part thereof to be so referred shall not take effect until thirty days after its approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting thereon at the said next general election; provided, however, that if more than one-half*