

rejection at the next regular election held in the County. Said enactment being Chapter 460 of the Laws of Maryland, 1968 Session, and

WHEREAS, it is considered that the 1968 Laws will cause confusion with respect to the legislative enactment of the County Council of Prince George's County and it is, therefore, advisable to remove from the law that provision applicable to Prince George's County which is contained in Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Section 1. Now, therefore, be it enacted by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 4B of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), titled "County Commissioners," subtitled "General Provisions," be and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety so as to strike therefrom the following:

[4B.

(a) In Prince George's County any action having a legislative effect and pertaining to the general public taken by the Board of County Commissioners except: (1) the imposition of a tax, and in the exercise of bonding authority relating to the imposition of a tax, (2) the making of an appropriation for the County Government or any County institution or, (3) any action relating to zoning or to the adoption of zoning master plans, may be petitioned by the voters of the County to be submitted for approval or rejection by them at the next regular election held in the County.

Such legislative actions taken or passed by the County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall become effective 90 days after their adoption or passage excepting that those adopted or passed by a yea or nay vote of two-thirds of the Board of Commissioners shall become effective immediately upon passage or adoption and upon satisfying the requirements of Section 4 of this article.

The referendum petitions must be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections within 90 days following the adoption or passage of the legislative action and must bear the signatures of at least ten percentum (10%) of those voting for the governor in Prince George's County in the last general election. Upon proper filing of the petition, the legislative action shall not become effective until 30 days after its approval by a majority of the voters voting thereon at the next regular election held in the County, except that any legislative action adopted or passed by a two-thirds vote of the Commissioners shall remain in force, notwithstanding the petition, but shall stand repealed 30 days after having been rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Prince George's County shall adopt rules and regulations specifying the form of the referendum petition and the procedure for filing such form and submission of petitioned legislative actions to the voters.】

Section 2. And be it further enacted that this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety; it being further declared that an emergency exists in that the provisions of the hereinbefore repealed section of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County appears to be in conflict with the intent and purpose of the provisions respecting the enactment of legislation contained in Section 317 of the Prince George's County Charter which therefore causes confusion in the adoption of laws to be enacted by the Council. This Act having been passed by a yea and nay