

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

County, Maryland, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 205 thereof, Article II, "The County Council", to specify the period of time for which a person must be registered in a political party in order to succeed to a vacant County Council seat, and matters generally related thereto; and to submit said amendment to the qualified voters of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Section 205, Article II, "The County Council" of the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, be, and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Section 205. Vacancies

A vacancy occurring in the office of Council member prior to the expiration of his term shall be filled within thirty days after the vacancy occurs by a majority vote of the remaining members of the County Council. The member so elected shall [belong to] BE REGISTERED IN the same political party AS HIS PREDECESSOR (unless his predecessor was not a member of a political party) BOTH FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SAID ELECTION AND ALSO AT THE TIME OF THE MOST RECENT GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION [to which the previous member belonged]. The member so elected shall reside in the same councilmanic district as his predecessor and shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor and until his successor shall qualify.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application, and to this end, all the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That at the next general election to be held in this State on November 7, 1972, the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Anne Arundel County for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Section 1202 of the