and Finance, by repealing and re-enacting Section 525 thereof, titled, Competitive Bidding; to provide that the Council shall prescribe by law for the competitive bidding of purchases by the County, but adding that the law may provide for exceptions to the bidding requirement and it shall exempt contracts for professional services customarily negotiated; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

Approved August 14, 1980.

## Bill No. 80-55

AN EMERGENCY Act to propose an amendment to Article VII of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Planning and Zoning, by repealing and re-enacting Section 706 thereof, titled, Restrictions in Zoning Cases; to provide that no person shall influence or attempt to influence, directly or indirectly, either the Council or one of its hearing examiners in arriving at a decision in a pending zoning matter, except as that person may appear before the Council or one of its hearing examiners at a public hearing and as a party or as a representative or witness on behalf thereof; and to further provide the penalty for the violation of said Section; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

Approved August 14, 1980.

## Bill No. 80-58

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article VIII of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, General Provisions, by repealing and re-enacting Section 805 thereof, titled, Additional Compensation; to provide that in instances where the County Council finds the authorization of additional compensation to County officers or employees not to be in violation of the public interest, it may authorize such additional compensation; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

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