

county officers or employees, including the County Commissioners, and to govern the conduct and actions of all such county officers and employees in the performance of their public duties, and to provide for penalties, including [finds] FINES, forfeitures, imprisonment, and removal from office for violation of any such laws or regulations.

[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, or, (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 § 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 per centum (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passed by a two-thirds vote of the commissioners shall remain in force, notwithstanding the petition, but shall stand repealed 30 days after having been rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.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.

(c) The foregoing provisions of this section permitting referendum petitions shall not apply to the exercise of any authority by the County Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue, endorse, or guarantee bonds, bond anticipation notes, or any other obligations pursuant to any public general or public local law.]

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