

zoning cases by ensuring that a complete and accurate record of a hearing is made. The Office is not granted, nor should it have, the authority to act as an advocate for any party in a zoning case, since such an action would cast doubt on the impartiality of the hearing record.

House Bill 1092 would also result in Prince George's County's increasing its expenditures. Currently, the County is obligated to pay for the defense of an appealed zoning decision of the District Council. Since the Office of the People's Zoning Counsel is also county-funded, Prince George's County would now be required to assume the costs for both sides of a court case whenever the Zoning Counsel opts to appeal.

Lastly, I believe that this issue is best addressed at the local level through action on the Prince George's County Charter.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1092.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1092

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland-Washington Regional District - Prince George's County - People's Zoning
Counsel**

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FOR the purpose of reestablishing the position of the People's Zoning Counsel for Prince George's County under the Regional District Act; providing that the People's Zoning Counsel is entitled to compensation and certain assistance in accordance with the County budget; specifying certain powers and duties, including the power to appeal ~~any final decision~~ certain final decisions of the district council under specified law; authorizing the district council to provide additional powers and duties; providing for the application and intent of this Act; and generally relating to the position of the People's Zoning Counsel in Prince George's County.

BY adding to

Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Section 8-107.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

8-107.1.