

DISCUSSION 1/29/13

REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM by Joyce Bowsbey


REDISTRICTING COMMISSION


Under Section 214 of the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland the Council is charged with appointing **by resolution** a Redistricting Commission no later than **April 1, 2013 (see Section 712 - First Redistricting Commission)**.

The procedure is as follows:

The central committee of each political party shall nominate five persons to serve on the Commission. Each such list shall include one person who resides in each residency district.

The Council shall appoint all such nominees as members of the Commission.

 The Council shall appoint one member to the Commission to ensure the total membership of the Commission equals an odd number.

 The Council shall appoint the Chair of the Commission from among the Commission members.

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission who holds elective office.

If redistricting is to take effect in 2016 then:

By November 15, ~~2015~~²⁰¹³ the Commission shall present to the Council a plan of residency districts, together with a report explaining it,

Within thirty days of receiving the plan of the Commission, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the plan.

If within ninety days after submission of the plan no other legislation reestablishing the boundaries of the residency districts has been enacted, the plan as submitted becomes law.

Any residency district established in accordance with this section shall be compact, contiguous, substantially equal in population, and have common interests as a result of geography, occupation, history, or existing political boundaries.

An ordinance establishing residency districts is exempt from referendum.

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Response due: 2/20/13
Resolution - 3/5/13
Action - 3/19/13

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January 31, 2013

Mr. Chris Zeuskas
Chairman
Republican Central Committee
P.O. Box 442
Elkton, MD 21922

RE: Redistricting Commission

Dear Mr. Zeuskas:

The Charter of Cecil County, Section 214 outlines the redistricting process to reestablish the boundaries of the Council residency districts in Cecil County. The central committee of each political party in the county shall nominate five people to serve on the Redistricting Committee, one from each of the current districts (see attached map of Commissioner Districts). Please note that no person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission who holds elective office. The Council shall appoint the members of the Committee from your nominations, as well as one additional person, and choose the Chair of the Commission.

The Redistricting Committee must be appointed by resolution not later than April 1, 2013. Please forward the five nominations from the Republican Central Committee, including contact information, to the County Council Office, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 2110, Elkton, MD 21921, or email to Council President Robert Hodge at rhodge@ccgov.org by close of business on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

The Redistricting Committee will have until November 15, 2013 to present to the Council a plan of Council Residency Districts, together with a report explaining it. The Council shall schedule a public hearing on the plan within ninety days of receiving the plan.

Best Regards,

Robert J. Hodge, President
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Mr. John M. Ulrich
Chairman
Democrat Central Committee
P.O. Box 1326
Elkton, MD 21922

RE: Redistricting Commission

Dear Mr. Ulrich:

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Cecil County Commissioner Districts

