

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2017
BILL 2017-03

Introduced: February 21, 2017

BY: The Wicomico County Council President

AN ACT to amend the Wicomico County Code, Chapter A233, titled “Rules of Legislative Procedure,” Rule V, titled “Consideration of bills,” to include a process for the distribution of legislative bills adopted by the County Council.

WHEREAS, Rules of Legislative Procedure are instructions on how the Wicomico County Council conducts its business.

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to amend the Rules of Legislative Procedure to ensure that department heads whose duties are affected by new legislation are notified within 21 calendar days after adoption of the legislation.

SECTION I: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, that the Wicomico County Code, Chapter A233, titled “Rules of Legislative Procedure”, Rule V, titled “Consideration of bills” is amended as follows:

CHAPTER A233
RULES OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

§A233-5 Rule V: Consideration of bills.

E. Enrolled copy. After passage of a bill, the Secretary shall promptly prepare an enrolled copy in printed or typewritten form which, when certified by the Secretary, shall be presented to the President who shall lay it before the Council. On demand of two members of the County (but not otherwise), the enrolled copy shall be read for correction of errors in enrolling. The President in Legislative Session shall certify the enrolled copy (or such copy as corrected) as being the text as finally passed, and the copy so certified by the President shall be conclusive evidence of the bill as enacted, and such copy shall be maintained by the Secretary in his OR HER office in an official file of Acts of the County Council. On enrolling, the Secretary shall have authority to correct obvious errors in section references and numbers and references to existing law, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, headings and similar matters.

UPON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPROVING A BILL, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE SIGNED BILL WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS. IF THE EXECUTIVE VETOES THE BILL AND THE COUNCIL OVERRIDES THIS VETO, OR IF THE EXECUTIVE FAILS TO RETURN A BILL TO THE COUNCIL WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS AND THE BILL BECOMES LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 411(C) OF THE CHARTER, THEN THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR SHALL TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE BILL TO THE EXECUTIVE, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. NO DEPARTMENT HEAD MAY UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED LEGISLATION UNLESS HE OR SHE HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE ENROLLED LEGISLATION.

SECTION II. BET IT FUTHER ENACTED THAT this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2017-03 of Wicomico County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2017.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: John T. Cannon, President

BY: Laura Hurley, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.

Laura Hurley, Secretary

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike out indicates material deleted from law.~~

~~CAPITAL — STRIKE OUT~~ indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill.