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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Date: February 1, 2022

Subject: Bill No. 15-22 – Redistricting

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 15-22 related to redistricting of the County’s councilmanic districts.

Background. Section 1203 of the Anne Arundel County Charter requires the Anne Arundel County Council to appoint a Charter Revision Commission (“CRC”) at or before its first annual legislative session following the publication of each decennial census of the population of the United States “for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of County government and the updating of its Charter where necessary, including the matter of the revision of the councilmanic districts of the County.” Section 207 of the Charter empowers the County Council, after receiving the report of the CRC provided for in Section 1203, to “revise, amend or reconstitute councilmanic districts then in effect” by ordinance passed by an affirmative vote of 5 members.

By Resolution No. 50-21, the County Council appointed the members of the Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) and directed the CRC to issue a report of its findings and recommendations on redistricting by December 31, 2021. The CRC sent a letter to the County Council on December 31, 2021, advising that it was completing its report, but that it would be recommending three redistricting plans, designated as Map 2, Map 4C, and Map 6C. Copies of the maps were attached. The CRC forwarded its final report on January 10, 2022, with more detailed information related to the three recommended plans.

Purpose. The purpose of Bill No. 15-22 is to adopt the CRC’s recommended redistricting plan designated as Map 2.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

The Bill. **SECTION 1** of the Bill is uncodified and sets forth the metes and bounds of the seven councilmanic districts modified as shown on Map 2. **SECTION 2** of the Bill provides that, because the bill has received the five votes required under the Charter and is exempt from Executive veto, it is effective upon enactment. **EXHIBIT A** lists the census blocks for each of the revised councilmanic districts.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this bill. Thank you.