

Resolution No.: 17-534  
Introduced: July 17, 2012  
Adopted: July 31, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Ballot title for referendum on County Law

**Background**

(1) §114 of the County Charter provides that any legislation enacted by the County Council, with certain exceptions, must be submitted to a referendum of the voters on petition of 5% of the registered voters of the County.

(2) The County Board of Elections received a petition for a referendum on Chapter 16 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2011, entitled "An Act to:

- (1) modify the scope of bargaining with the certified representative of police employees; and
- (2) generally amend County collective bargaining laws."

On November 18, 2011, the Board found that the petition was accompanied by sufficient signatures to place the referred law on the ballot.

(3) The County Board of Elections received a Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for a referendum on Chapter 14 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2012, entitled "An Act to:

- (1) require health insurance providers to reimburse the County for emergency medical transportation provided to insured persons;
- (2) specify that County residents will not pay any out-of-pocket expense for emergency medical transportation provided by the County;
- (3) require emergency medical transportation fees to be waived for non-County residents with low or moderate incomes; and
- (4) generally amend County law regarding the provision of emergency medical services."

The Board of Elections has not yet received the petition with the required number of signatures.

(4) Under §7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Elections Article of the Maryland Code, each proposed ballot question must be certified to the Board of Elections on or before the third Monday in August in the year in which there will be a general or Congressional election at which the ballot question is to be submitted to the voters.

(5) County Code §16-16 provides that a ballot title or summary, prepared by the Council, of each proposed ballot question must appear in print on the voting machine or ballot. County Code §16-9 specifies the form of referendum questions.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to the form of the question, the following questions must be placed on the 2012 general election ballot if each respective petition qualifies for inclusion on the 2012 ballot:

**Question D**

**Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council**

**Effects Bargaining for Police Employees**

Shall the Act to modify the scope of collective bargaining with police employees to permit the exercise of certain management rights without first bargaining the effects of those rights on police employees become law?

**FOR AGAINST**

**Question E**

**Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council**

**Emergency Medical Transportation Insurance Reimbursement**

Shall the Emergency Medical Transportation Insurance Reimbursement Act become law? The Act would:

- (1) require health insurance providers to reimburse the County for emergency medical transportation provided to insured persons;
- (2) specify that County residents will not pay any out-of-pocket expense for emergency medical transportation provided by the County; and
- (3) require emergency medical transportation fees to be waived for non-County residents with low or moderate incomes.

**FOR AGAINST**

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved as to form and legality:

Linda M. Lauer  
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Marc P. Hansen  
Marc P. Hansen, County Attorney