

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0125
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of the Mayor)
Introduced and read first time: May 19, 2008
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Fire Commissioners,
Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Board of Fire Commissioners – Number**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of persons serving on the Board of Fire
4 Commissioners from 3 to 5; and restating for context and clarifying certain Charter
5 provisions governing the Board of Fire Commissioners.

6 BY authority of
7 Article VII - Executive Departments
8 Section(s) 50(a)
9 Baltimore City Charter
10 (1996 Edition)

11 BY adding
12 Article 9 - Fire Suppression and Prevention
13 Section(s) 1-8
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 9. Fire Suppression and Prevention**

20 **Subtitle 1. Fire Department**

21 **§ 1-8. BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.**

22 (A) *BOARD ESTABLISHED.*

23 THERE IS A BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, AS ESTABLISHED IN CITY CHARTER ARTICLE
24 VII, § 49.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (B) *COMPOSITION.*

2 THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS COMPRISES 5 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR
3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CHARTER ARTICLE IV, § 6.

4 (C) *PRESIDENT.*

5 THE MAYOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD AS ITS PRESIDENT IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 50(B).

7 (D) *TENURE.*

8 THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IS 4 YEARS, CONCURRENT WITH THE MAYOR’S TERM OF
9 OFFICE, AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

10 (E) *POWERS AND DUTIES.*

11 THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS HAS THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN CITY
12 CHARTER ARTICLE VII, §§ 49 TO 52.

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
14 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
15 Ordinance.

16 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
17 after the date it is enacted.