

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0457
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The City Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2023
Assigned to: Finance and Performance Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Baltimore City Board of Elections, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 style="text-align:center">**Board of Elections – \$1,300,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$1,300,000 to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of Elections), to
6 provide funding for balancing the Board of Elections budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due to
7 costs associated with the 2022 Primary Election; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(iii) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 style="text-align:center">**Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$1,300,000 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2023.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated.

19 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
20 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated or is for a new program that could
21 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

22 On November 15, 2023, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
23 Council.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That
2 \$1,300,000 shall be made available to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of
3 Elections) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023, to
4 provide funding for balancing the Board of Elections budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due to costs
5 associated with the 2022 Primary Election. The source of revenue for this appropriation is
6 generated from investment earnings in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on
7 by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal
8 Year 2023.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
10 enacted.