

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 12-0093**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Cole, Middleton, Stokes, Kraft, President Young,  
Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Mosby, Welch, Reisinger, Curran, Branch  
Introduced and read first time: June 4, 2012  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: June 18, 2012

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING**

**1 Charter Amendment – Minority Party Representation on Boards and Commissions**

2 FOR the purpose of allowing voters registered as unaffiliated or as third party members to sit on  
3 City boards and commissions as minority party representatives; defining a certain term;  
4 generally relating to minority party representation on City boards and commissions; and  
5 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article IV - Mayor  
8 Section(s) 8  
9 Baltimore City Charter  
10 (1996 Edition)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
12 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

**13 Baltimore City Charter**

**14 Article IV. Mayor**

**15 § 8. Minority party representation.**

16 Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or by other law, at least one member, in the case  
17 of commissions or boards composed of not more than five members, and at least two  
18 members, in the case of commissions or boards composed of more than five members, shall  
19 be registered voters [of the minority party] in Baltimore City WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED AS  
20 MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY PARTY. The [“minority party”] “MAJORITY PARTY” shall be that  
21 political party which had the [second] largest number of registered voters at the time of the  
22 municipal election next preceding the date of the appointment.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City  
24 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,  
25 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the  
26 City Solicitor.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City