

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 12-0111  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Henry, President Young, Councilmembers Branch, Stokes,  
Clarke

Introduced and read first time: July 16, 2012

Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Vetoes**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the vote by which the Council may override a mayoral veto;  
4 repealing the mayoral authority to veto “items of appropriation”; and submitting this  
5 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article IV - Mayor

8 Section(s) 5(b)

9 Baltimore City Charter

10 (1996 Edition)

11 BY proposing to repeal

12 Article IV - Mayor

13 Section(s) 5(d)

14 Baltimore City Charter

15 (1996 Edition)

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

18 **Baltimore City Charter**

19 **Article IV. Mayor**

20 **§ 5. Approval or veto of legislation.**

21 (b) *Veto; return to Council.*

22 (1) If the Mayor does not approve of an ordinance or resolution passed by the City  
23 Council, the Mayor shall return it with written objections to the City Council within  
24 three actual regular meetings, not more than one of which shall occur in any one

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

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1 calendar week, of the City Council after the delivery of the ordinance or resolution to  
2 the Mayor.

3 (2) [Upon] ON receipt, the Mayor’s objections shall be read forthwith to the Council and  
4 entered on its Journal. After five calendar days, and within twenty calendar days after  
5 the ordinance or resolution [shall have been] WAS returned by the Mayor and received  
6 by the Council, the Council shall proceed to reconsider and vote upon it.

7 (3) If the ordinance or resolution, after reconsideration, [shall be] IS again passed by the  
8 City Council by a vote of [three-fourths] TWO-THIRDS of its members, it [shall  
9 become] BECOMES an ordinance or resolution of the City. In [such] THESE cases, after  
10 the reconsideration, the votes on the question of the passage of the ordinance or  
11 resolution over the veto of the Mayor shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the  
12 names of the persons voting for and against passage of the ordinance or resolution  
13 over the veto of the Mayor shall be entered on the Journal of the City Council.

14 [(d) *Items of appropriation.*]

15 [If an ordinance or resolution duly passed by the City Council shall embrace different  
16 items of appropriation, the Mayor may approve the provisions thereof relating to one or  
17 more items of appropriation and disapprove the others, and in such case those the Mayor  
18 shall approve shall become effective and those which the Mayor shall not approve shall  
19 be reconsidered by the City Council, and shall become effective if again passed over the  
20 veto of the Mayor by the vote as above prescribed for the passage over the veto of the  
21 Mayor of entire ordinances or resolutions. The procedures governing the Mayor’s veto of  
22 an item of appropriation and the Council’s reconsideration of that item shall be the same  
23 as those in this section that govern the passage, veto, reconsideration and override of  
24 ordinances and resolutions.]

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