

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0630
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Branch, Clarke, Curran, Conaway

Introduced and read first time: December 6, 2010

Assigned to: Policy and Planning Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Commissioner, Mayor's Office
of Criminal Justice

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Police Districts – Redistricting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Police Commissioner to divide the City into as many Police
4 Districts as are necessary or appropriate; and requiring, subject to a certain exception, the
5 Commissioner to establish a plan for police redistricting after each decennial census.

6 BY adding

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 75-1 to 75-2, to be under the new subtitle,

9 “Subtitle 75. Police Districts”

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

16 **Subtitle 75. Police Districts**

17 **§ 75-1. IN GENERAL.**

18 THE POLICE COMMISSIONER MAY DIVIDE THE CITY INTO AS MANY POLICE DISTRICTS AS THE
19 COMMISSIONER DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND
20 EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

21 **§ 75-2. PERIODIC REDISTRICTING.**

22 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

23 WITHIN 9 MONTHS AFTER THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU PUBLISHES ITS
24 DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA FOR BALTIMORE CITY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PREPARE

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

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1 AND, AFTER PUBLICATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, ADOPT AND
2 IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR POLICE REDISTRICTING.

3 (B) *EXCEPTION.*

4 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF, IN THE 2 YEARS IMMEDIATELY
5 PRECEDING THE PUBLICATION OF THE DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA FOR BALTIMORE CITY,
6 THE COMMISSIONER ALREADY HAS ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED A PLAN FOR POLICE
7 REDISTRICTING.

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

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