

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0481
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Law Department)
Introduced and read first time: April 19, 2010
Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Redistricting Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the time by which the Mayor must submit a redistricting plan to
4 the City Council; clarifying and conforming related language; and submitting this
5 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing an amendment to
7 Article III - City Council
8 Section(s) 7(b)
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 III. City Council**

15 **§ 7. Council districts.**

16 (b) *Redistricting plan.*

17 (1) Following each census of the United States, the Mayor shall prepare a plan for
18 council redistricting. The Mayor shall present the plan to the City Council not later
19 than [the first day of February of the first municipal election year following the
20 census] 60 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU'S
21 REDISTRICTING CENSUS DATA FOR BALTIMORE CITY.

22 (2) After the Mayor's plan is presented to the City Council, the Council may adopt [it]
23 THE MAYOR'S PLAN, [or] amend it, or [the City Council may] adopt another plan. If
24 no plan has been adopted by the City Council within [sixty] 60 days after the Mayor's
25 plan is presented, the Mayor's plan [shall take] TAKES effect as the redistricting
26 ordinance.

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

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