

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0199
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey and Parker

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Glover and Ramos

Introduced and read first time: May 11, 2026

Assigned to: Charter Review Special Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

Charter Amendment – Repeal – Term Limits

FOR the purpose of repealing term limits for Baltimore City elected officials, including the Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing to repeal

Article III - City Council
Sections 2(e) and 3(c)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

BY proposing to repeal

Article IV - Mayor
Section 1(d)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

BY proposing to repeal

Article V - Comptroller
Section 1(a)(5)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

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

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

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Baltimore City Charter

Article III. City Council

§ 2. Members.

[(e) *Term Limit.*]

[A member of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected member from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as member. In the event that an elected member takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy as described in §§ 2 or 6 of this Article, that elected member shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

§ 3. President.

[(c) *Term limit.*]

[The President of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected President from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as President. In the event that an elected President takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy described in §§ 3 or 4 of this Article, that elected President shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

Article IV. Mayor

§ 1. Election, term, etc.

[(d) *Term limit.*]

[A Mayor shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected Mayor from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Mayor. In the event that an elected Mayor takes office as a result of a removal, vacancy or absence described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Mayor shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

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Article V. Comptroller

§ 1. Election, term, etc.; Deputy Comptroller; Staff.

(a) *Election and qualifications; Term; Salary[; Term limit].*

[(5) A Comptroller shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected Comptroller from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Comptroller. In the event that an elected Comptroller takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Comptroller shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

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