

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0248  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President, Councilmember McCray, Bullock, Middleton

At the request of: The Administration

Introduced and read first time: June 21, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

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

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Baltimore City Police Department – Local Control – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Baltimore City Police Department as an agency and instrumentality  
4 of the City of Baltimore; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City  
5 for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to add

7 Article VII - Executive Departments

8 Section(s) 141

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 VII. Executive Departments**

15 ***BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT***

16 **§ 141. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.**

17 THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE HEAD OF WHICH IS THE POLICE  
18 COMMISSIONER.

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

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