

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry and Scott, *Bennett*, *Bellorck*, *Chen*, *Schleifer*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: December 3, 2018

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION

Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

*Dorsey*  
*Clark*  
*Reisinger*  
*Stokes*

CITY COUNCIL *18-011912*

## A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

### Request for State Action – Police Redistricting

FOR the purpose of calling on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2019 Maryland General Assembly to secure enactment of legislation requiring that the Baltimore City Police Department review and adjust police district boundaries after the information from each decennial census becomes available to ensure that Baltimore's security resources are allocated as efficiently as possible.

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**Agencies**

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
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_____	Other: _____

**Boards and Commissions**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0119R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Burnett, Bullock, Cohen, Schleifer, Dorsey,  
Clarke, Reisinger, Stokes, Sneed  
Introduced and adopted: December 6, 2018

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

1                           **Request for State Action – Police Redistricting**

2       FOR the purpose of calling on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2019 Maryland General  
3       Assembly to secure enactment of legislation requiring that the Baltimore City Police  
4       Department review and adjust police district boundaries after the information from each  
5       decennial census becomes available to ensure that Baltimore’s security resources are  
6       allocated as efficiently as possible.

7                           **Recitals**

8       Baltimore City’s Police Department divides the 86 square miles under its jurisdiction into 9  
9       police districts of varying size for administrative purposes. Typically, each of the 9 districts is  
10      staffed with roughly the same number of officers.

11       District boundaries have remained unchanged for years despite significant changes in both  
12      population numbers and distribution since the present boundaries were adopted, as well as  
13      changes in the security needs of various neighborhoods over this timespan. Today, the districts  
14      vary significantly in area, population, and number of calls for services. A study of 2012 call for  
15      service data, for instance, found that the least active district had only 60% as many calls for  
16      service as the most active district.

17       Without periodic review and revision of the district boundaries it is likely that changing  
18      circumstances will lead to increasingly inefficient allocations of police resources. In order to  
19      avoid this, it is important to mandate that changes be considered at regular intervals.

20       By law, City Council districts need to be reexamined and realigned every 10 years when new  
21      census results become available. Police districts should be adjusted at this time as well, so that  
22      they can take advantage of the most up to date information available on population and service  
23      call volume changes.

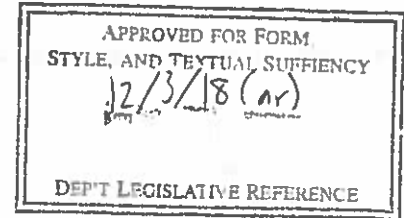
24       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
25      Council calls on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2019 Maryland General Assembly to  
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27      adjust police district boundaries after the information from each decennial census becomes  
28      available to ensure that Baltimore’s security resources are allocated as efficiently as possible.

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

**Council Bill 18-0119R**

1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the  
2       Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the  
3       Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House  
4       Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

**INTRODUCTORY\***  
**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_ R**  
**(Resolution)**



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**Recitals**

Baltimore City's Police Department divides the 86 square miles under its jurisdiction into 9 police districts of varying size for administrative purposes. Typically, each of the 9 districts is staffed with roughly the same number of officers.

District boundaries have remained unchanged for years despite significant changes in both population numbers and distribution since the present boundaries were adopted, as well as changes in the security needs of various neighborhoods over this timespan. Today, the districts vary significantly in area, population, and number of calls for services. A study of 2012 call for service data, for instance, found that the least active district had only 60% as many calls for service as the most active district.

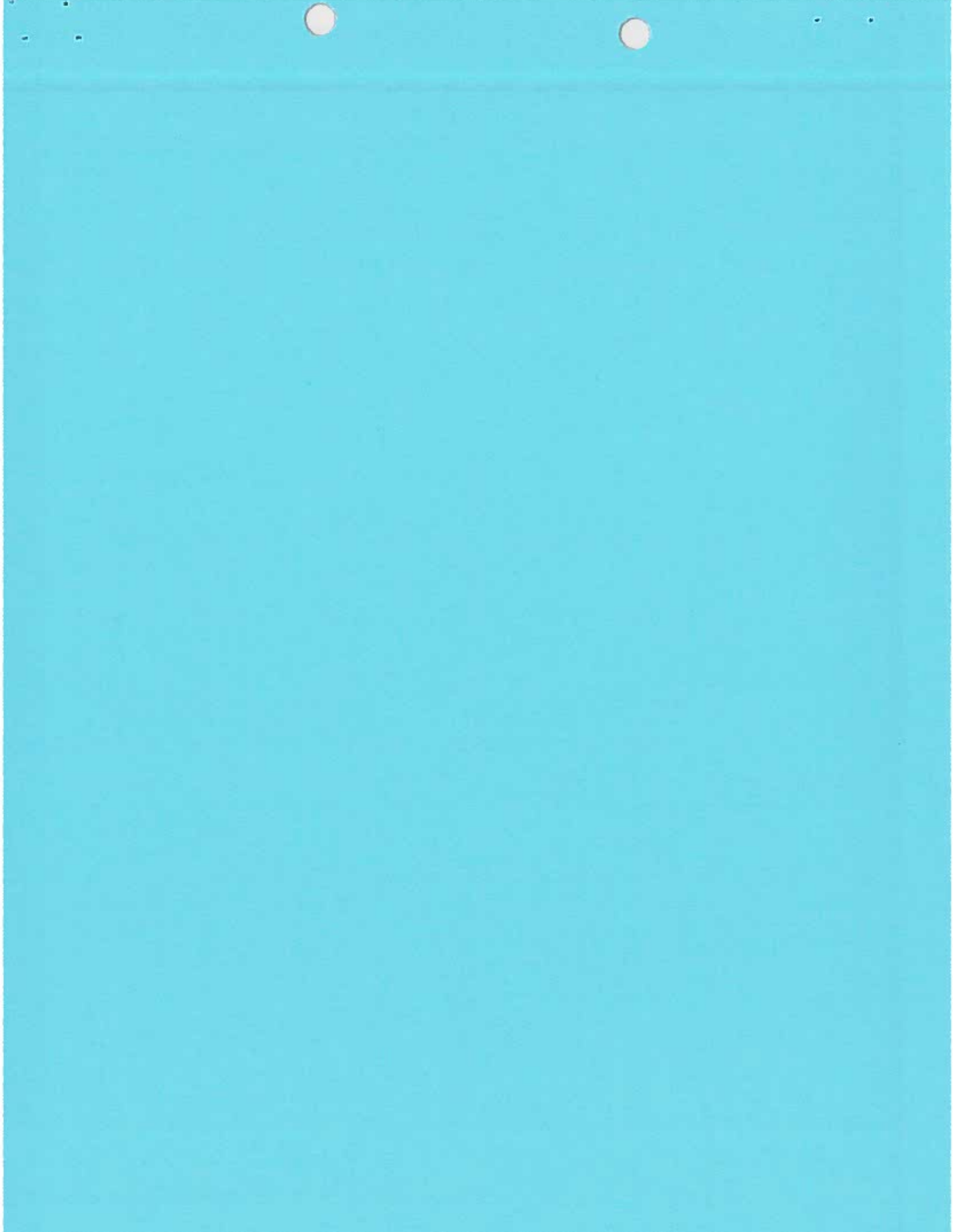
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By law, City Council districts need to be reexamined and realigned every 10 years when new census results become available. Police districts should be adjusted at this time as well, so that they can take advantage of the most up to date information available on population and service call volume changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Council calls on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2019 Maryland General Assembly to secure enactment of legislation requiring that the Baltimore City Police Department review and adjust police district boundaries after the information from each decennial census becomes available to ensure that Baltimore's security resources are allocated as efficiently as possible.

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THE OFFICIAL COPY CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE FIRST READER COPY.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.



**ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DEC 06 2018**

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

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President

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Chief Clerk