

**AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 20-0489  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reader Copy)**

Proposed by: President Scott  
{To be offered to the Equity and Structure Committee}

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Composition**”, insert “**and the Citizen Advocate**”; and, on that same page, in line 3, after “Comptroller,”, insert “the City Solicitor, the Citizen Advocate,”; and, on that same page, in line 4, after “President;”, insert “establishing the position of Citizen Advocate; providing for the election, qualifications, term, and salary of the Citizen Advocate; providing that the Citizen Advocate shall have a Deputy to assist with the Citizen Advocate’s duties; providing for the removal of the Citizen Advocate for certain offenses;”; and, on that same page, in line 8, strike “1(a)” and substitute “(1)”; and, on that same page, strike lines 16 through 23 in their entireties and substitute:

“(a) In general.

(1) There [shall be] IS a Board of Estimates, composed of:

(I) the Mayor;

(II) THE President of the City Council;

(III) THE Comptroller;

(IV) THE City Solicitor; and

(V) [Director of Public Works, none of whom shall receive any additional salary as members of the Board] THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) The President of the City Council [shall be] IS President of the Board, and one of the OTHER members shall act as Secretary.

(3) The Board may employ [such employees] STAFF [as may be] necessary to discharge its duties[;]. [their] THEIR number and compensation shall be fixed in the Ordinance of Estimates.

(4) THE MAYOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE COMPTROLLER, AND THE CITY SOLICITOR MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL SALARY AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

(b) Meetings.

The first meeting of the Board in every year shall be called by notice from the Mayor or President of the City Council personally served upon members of the Board. Subsequent meetings shall be called as the Board may direct.

(c) CITIZEN ADVOCATE.

(1) Election and qualifications; Term; Salary.

(I) THE VOTERS OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL ELECT A CITIZEN ADVOCATE ON THE TUESDAY NEXT AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER 2024, AND ON THE SAME DAY AND MONTH IN EVERY SUCCEEDING FOURTH YEAR.

(II) THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE SHALL POSSESS THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS CHARTER FOR THE MAYOR.

(III) THE TERM OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE SHALL COMMENCE ON THE TUESDAY NEXT AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER SUCCEEDING THE ELECTION AND SHALL CONTINUE FOR 4 YEARS AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

(IV) THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE'S SALARY SHALL BE SET AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VII, §§ 117 THROUGH 125 OF THIS CHARTER.

(2) DEPUTY.

(I) THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE SHALL APPOINT, TO AID IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE'S DUTIES, A DEPUTY CITIZEN ADVOCATE WHOSE SALARY SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

(II) IN CASE OF TEMPORARY ABSENCE OR DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE, THE DEPUTY CITIZEN ADVOCATE SHALL, DURING SUCH ABSENCE OR DISQUALIFICATION FROM ANY CAUSE, PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE, INCLUDING THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE'S DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

(3) DUTIES OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE.

THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE SHALL:

(I) SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES; AND

(II) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTY AS PROVIDED BY ORDINANCE.

(4) REMOVAL; VACANCY.

(I) THE CITY COUNCIL BY A THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS MAY REMOVE THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE FROM OFFICE FOR INCOMPETENCY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY, OR FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR IN OFFICE, ON CHARGES PREFERRED BY THE MAYOR, BY THE CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS, A VERIFIED PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST 20% OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN BALTIMORE CITY, OR BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND AFTER NOTICE OF THOSE CHARGES AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BY THE CITY COUNCIL ARE GIVEN TO THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE.

(II) IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF THE CITIZEN ADVOCATE, A SUCCESSOR, TO FILL OUT THE UNEXPIRED TERM, SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS.

(D) [(c)] Representatives.

If a member is unable to attend a Board meeting, that member's representative, as designated in the Charter, may attend and exercise the powers of the member. The Mayor may designate a municipal officer or member of the Mayor's personal staff to represent the Mayor and exercise the Mayor's power at Board meetings in the Mayor's absence."