

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0528
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

Introduced and read first time: May 16, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Office of the Mayor, Board of Elections, Office of the City Administrator

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Board of Estimates – Budget Schedule**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a date certain when the Board of Estimates shall deliver the
4 Ordinance of Estimates to the City Council; making conforming changes; and submitting this
5 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article VI - Board of Estimates

8 Section 3(c) and (d)

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 VI. Board of Estimates**

15 **§ 3. Fiscal year; Budget schedule.**

16 (c) *Submission to Council.*

17 [The Board of Estimates shall submit to the City Council the proposed Ordinance of
18 Estimates for the next fiscal year at least forty-five days before the beginning of that fiscal
19 year.]

20 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

21 NOT LATER THAN MAY 1 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR:

22 (1) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE
23 PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES;

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

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1 (II) THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL FURNISH THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE
2 RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET; AND

3 (III) THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL FURNISH THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE
4 RECOMMENDED CAPITAL BUDGET AND LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
5 PROGRAM.

6 (2) *REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS.*

7 THOSE SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE PLANNING
8 COMMISSION IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

9 (I) REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DETAILS;

10 (II) AGENCY AND SERVICE BUDGET DETAILS;

11 (III) OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS;

12 (IV) CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS;

13 (V) BUDGETED DOLLARS BY AGENCY, SERVICE, AND OBJECT; AND

14 (VI) SERVICE INFORMATION.

15 (d) *Adoption by Council.*

16 [The City Council shall have at least forty days after receipt of the Board's proposed
17 Ordinance of Estimates to enact an Ordinance of Estimates.] The City Council shall
18 adopt an Ordinance of Estimates at least five days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year
19 to which it is applicable [if the Board of Estimates submits its proposed Ordinance of
20 Estimates within the period prescribed by Section 3(c)].

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