

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0093
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Cole, Middleton, Stokes, Kraft, President Young,
Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Mosby, Welch, Reisinger, Curran, Branch

Introduced and read first time: June 4, 2012

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Minority Party Representation on Boards and Commissions**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing voters registered as unaffiliated or as third party members to sit on
4 City boards and commissions as minority party representatives; defining a certain term;
5 generally relating to minority party representation on City boards and commissions; and
6 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing to amend

8 Article IV - Mayor

9 Section(s) 8

10 Baltimore City Charter
11 (1996 Edition)

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

14 **Baltimore City Charter**

15 **Article IV. Mayor**

16 **§ 8. Minority party representation.**

17 Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or by other law, at least one member, in the case
18 of commissions or boards composed of not more than five members, and at least two members,
19 in the case of commissions or boards composed of more than five members, shall be registered
20 voters [of the minority party] in Baltimore City WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED AS MEMBERS OF THE
21 MAJORITY PARTY. The [“minority party”] “MAJORITY PARTY” shall be that political party which
22 had the [second] largest number of registered voters at the time of the municipal election next
23 preceding the date of the appointment.

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

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