

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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The Honorable President and  
Members of the Baltimore  
City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill No. 12-0023—Charter Amendment- Municipal  
Elections

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 12-0023. City Council Bill 23 amends the Baltimore City Charter to change the date for the election of the Mayor, the City Council and the Comptroller to "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November 2016 and on the same date and month in every succeeding year."

Article XI-A, Sec. 5 of the Maryland Constitution provides that an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Accordingly, City Council Bill 12-0023 is consistent with the authority of the City Council to initiate a Charter amendment. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 12-0023 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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