

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0380
(Resolution)
(Charter Amendment)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey, Cohen, Reisinger, Clarke, Ex Officio President
Middleton, Councilmembers Sneed, Burnett, Bullock, Scott
Introduced and read first time: April 29, 2019
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Vetoes**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the vote by which the Council may override a mayoral veto;
4 repealing the mayoral authority to veto “items of appropriation”; and submitting this
5 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend
7 Article IV - Mayor
8 Section(s) 5(b)
9 Baltimore City Charter
10 (1996 Edition)

11 BY proposing to repeal
12 Article IV - Mayor
13 Section(s) 5(d)
14 Baltimore City Charter
15 (1996 Edition)

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

18 **Baltimore City Charter**

19 **Article IV. Mayor**

20 **§ 5. Approval or veto of legislation.**

21 (b) *Veto; return to Council.*

22 (1) If the Mayor does not approve of an ordinance or resolution passed by the City
23 Council, the Mayor shall return it with written objections to the City Council within

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

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1 three actual regular meetings, not more than one of which shall occur in
2 any one calendar week, of the City Council after the delivery of the
3 ordinance or resolution to the Mayor.

4 (2) [Upon] ON receipt, the Mayor’s objections shall be read forthwith to the Council and
5 entered on its Journal. After five calendar days, and within twenty calendar days after
6 the ordinance or resolution [shall have been] WAS returned by the Mayor and received
7 by the Council, the Council shall proceed to reconsider and vote upon it.

8 (3) If the ordinance or resolution, after reconsideration, [shall be] IS again passed by the
9 City Council by a vote of [three-fourths] TWO-THIRDS of its members, it [shall
10 become] BECOMES an ordinance or resolution of the City. In [such] THESE cases, after
11 the reconsideration, the votes on the question of the passage of the ordinance or
12 resolution over the veto of the Mayor shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the
13 names of the persons voting for and against passage of the ordinance or resolution
14 over the veto of the Mayor shall be entered on the Journal of the City Council.

15 [(d) *Items of appropriation.*]

16 [If an ordinance or resolution duly passed by the City Council shall embrace different
17 items of appropriation, the Mayor may approve the provisions thereof relating to one or
18 more items of appropriation and disapprove the others, and in such case those the Mayor
19 shall approve shall become effective and those which the Mayor shall not approve shall
20 be reconsidered by the City Council, and shall become effective if again passed over the
21 veto of the Mayor by the vote as above prescribed for the passage over the veto of the
22 Mayor of entire ordinances or resolutions. The procedures governing the Mayor’s veto of
23 an item of appropriation and the Council’s reconsideration of that item shall be the same
24 as those in this section that govern the passage, veto, reconsideration and override of
25 ordinances and resolutions.]

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