

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0326  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey, Ramos, McCray, Burnett

Introduced and read first time: December 8, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Employees' Retirement System, Office of the Comptroller, Office of the Mayor

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Repeal – Term Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing term limits for Baltimore City elected officials, including the  
4 Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members; and submitting this  
5 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to repeal

7 Article III - City Council

8 Sections 2(e) and 3(c)

9 Baltimore City Charter

10 (1996 Edition)

11 BY proposing to repeal

12 Article IV - Mayor

13 Section 1(d)

14 Baltimore City Charter

15 (1996 Edition)

16 BY proposing to repeal

17 Article V - Comptroller

18 Section 1(a)(5)

19 Baltimore City Charter

20 (1996 Edition)

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

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

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**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article III. City Council**

**§ 2. Members.**

[(e) *Term Limit.*]

[A member of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected member from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as member. In the event that an elected member takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy as described in §§ 2 or 6 of this Article, that elected member shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

**§ 3. President.**

[(c) *Term limit.*]

[The President of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected President from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as President. In the event that an elected President takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy described in §§ 3 or 4 of this Article, that elected President shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

**Article III. City Council**

**§ 1. Election, term, etc.**

[(d) *Term limit.*]

[A Mayor shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected Mayor from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Mayor. In the event that an elected Mayor takes office as a result of a removal, vacancy or absence described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Mayor shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

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**Article V. Comptroller**

**§ 1. Election, term, etc.; Deputy Comptroller; Staff.**

(a) *Election and qualifications; Term; Salary[: Term limit].*

[(5) A Comptroller shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected Comptroller from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Comptroller. In the event that an elected Comptroller takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Comptroller shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

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