

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0467  
(Resolution)  
(Charter Amendment)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey, President Scott, Councilmembers Bullock, Sneed,  
Cohen, Burnett, Pinkett, Henry, Reisinger, Clarke  
Introduced and read first time: November 18, 2019  
Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

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

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Charter Amendment – Vetoes – Timing of Override**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying and clarifying the time within which the Council may consider to  
4 override a mayoral veto; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for  
5 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 **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 style="text-align:center">**Baltimore City Charter**

14 style="text-align:center">**Article IV. Mayor**

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

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

17 (1) If the Mayor does not approve of an ordinance or resolution passed by the City  
18 Council, the Mayor shall return it with written objections to the City Council within  
19 three actual regular meetings, not more than one of which shall occur in any one  
20 calendar week, of the City Council after the delivery of the ordinance or resolution to  
21 the Mayor.

22 (2) [Upon] ON receipt, the Mayor's objections shall be read [forthwith] PROMPTLY to the  
23 Council and entered on its Journal. [After five calendar days, and within twenty  
24 calendar days after the ordinance or resolution shall have been was returned by the

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

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1 Mayor and received by the Council, the Council shall proceed to reconsider and vote  
2 upon it.] THE COUNCIL MAY PROCEED TO RECONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE  
3 OR RESOLUTION:

4 (I) AFTER 5 CALENDAR DAYS FROM WHEN THE MAYOR'S OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN  
5 READ TO THE COUNCIL; AND

6 (II) EITHER:

7 (A) WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS FROM WHEN THE MAYOR'S OBJECTIONS  
8 HAVE BEEN READ TO THE COUNCIL; OR

9 (B) IF NO REGULAR MEETING IS HELD DURING THAT 20-DAY PERIOD, AT  
10 THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING THAT IS SCHEDULED AFTER THAT 20-DAY  
11 PERIOD.

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

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