

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0292  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: October 24, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Employee Retirement System,  
Retirement Savings Plan, City Administrator, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Elected Officials' Retirement System – Benefits – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying certain provisions of the Elected Officials' Retirement System of  
4 the City of Baltimore relating to eligibility for service retirement benefits and deferred vested  
5 benefits; making this Ordinance contingent on the ratification of a certain City Charter  
6 amendment by a certain date; and providing for a special effective date.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 22 - Retirement Systems

9 Sections 22(a)(1) and 22(d)(1)

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 22. Retirement Systems**

16 **Elected Officials' Retirement System**

17 **§ 22. Benefits.**

18 (a) *Service retirement benefits.*

19 (1) *Eligibility.*

20 (i) *First became member on or before December 5, 2016.*

21 An elected official who first became a member on or before December 5, 2016, is  
22 entitled to receive, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following his or her  
23 retirement, a service retirement benefit, calculated as provided in paragraph (3)(i)  
24 of this subsection, if the member has:

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

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1 (A) at least 12 years of service and attained age 50; or

2 (B) at least 16 years of service.

3 (ii) *First became member on or after December 6, 2016.*

4 An elected official who first became a member on or after December 6, 2016, OR,  
5 IS A MEMBER AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2022, is entitled to receive, commencing on the  
6 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following his or her retirement, a service retirement benefit,  
7 calculated as provided in paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection, if the member has at  
8 least [12] 8 years of service and attained age 55.

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10 (d) *Deferred vested retirement benefit.*

11 (1) *Eligibility.*

12 (i) *First became member on or before December 5, 2016.*

13 An elected official who first became a member on or before December 5, 2016, is  
14 entitled to receive, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month immediately  
15 following his or her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, a deferred vested retirement benefit, if the  
16 member has:

17 (A) at least 12 years of service but less than 16 years of service;

18 (B) left office before attaining age 50; and

19 (C) after leaving office, elected not to withdraw his or her accumulated  
20 contributions with this System.

21 (ii) *First became member on or after December 6, 2016.*

22 An elected official who first became a member on or after December 6, 2016, OR,  
23 IS A MEMBER AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2022, is entitled to receive, commencing on the  
24 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month immediately following his or her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, a deferred  
25 vested retirement benefit, if the member has:

26 (A) at least [12] 8 years of service;

27 (B) left office before attaining age 55; and

28 (C) after leaving office, elected not to withdraw his or her accumulated  
29 contributions with this System.

30 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take  
31 effect contingent on the ratification by the voters of the City at the 2022 general election of an  
32 amendment to the City Charter that establishes a 2-term limit for Baltimore City elected officials,  
33 including the Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members, wherein

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1 none of the above-listed elected officials shall hold office for more than 8 years during any  
2 12-year period.

3 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if an amendment to the City Charter that  
4 establishes a 2-term limit for Baltimore City elected officials, including the Mayor, Comptroller,  
5 City Council President, and City Council members, wherein none of the above listed elected  
6 officials shall hold office for more than 8 years during any 12-year period is ratified at the 2022  
7 general election, Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2023.