

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0634  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Curran, Branch, Clarke, Henry

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – City Council – Age Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of lowering the minimum age requirement for members of the City Council;  
4 and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

5 BY proposing to amend

6 Article III - City Council

7 Section(s) 1(b)

8 Baltimore City Charter

9 (1996 Edition)

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

12 **Baltimore City Charter**

13 **Article III. City Council**

14 **§ 1. Legislative Department; qualification and salary of members.**

15 (b) *Qualifications.*

16 Members of the City Council, except the President whose qualifications are provided for  
17 in Section 3, shall be citizens of the United States, [above the age of twenty-one] AT  
18 LEAST 18 years OLD, and registered voters. They also shall be residents of the districts  
19 the members have been chosen to represent for at least [one] 1 year next preceding their  
20 election, except as provided in Section 7(e), and during their term of office.

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

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