

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 05-0300  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, Holton, Kraft, Branch, Harris, Welch, Mitchell,  
Conaway

Introduced and read first time: December 5, 2005

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

**Charter Amendment – Ordinance of Estimates –  
Council Special Services Fund**

FOR the purpose of authorizing an annual appropriation to a special fund for the exclusive use of  
the City Council, for certain purposes and subject to certain conditions; and submitting this  
amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By adding

Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section(s) 5A  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

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

**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article VI. Board of Estimates**

**§ 5A. BOARD OF ESTIMATES – COUNCIL SPECIAL SERVICES FUND.**

(A) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES MAY INCLUDE ANNUALLY IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF  
ESTIMATES A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO BE MAINTAINED IN A SPECIAL SERVICES  
FUND FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE BY THE CITY COUNCIL DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

(B) THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICES FUND SHALL BE IN  
ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT, BE DEDUCTED FROM, OR SERVE AS A BASIS FOR  
REDUCING ANY PART OF THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

1 (C) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY:

2 (1) PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED BY A VOTE OF THREE-  
3 FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS; AND

4 (2) FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

5 (I) TO EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF ACCOUNTANTS, ACTUARIES, APPRAISERS,  
6 DEMOGRAPHERS, ENGINEERS, LAWYERS, AND OTHER SPECIALISTS AND  
7 EXPERTS, AS APPROPRIATE FROM TIME TO TIME, TO COUNSEL AND ADVISE  
8 THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

9 (II) ANY OTHER PURPOSE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF  
10 ESTIMATES.

11 (D) LEGAL COUNSEL MAY BE EMPLOYED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE  
12 REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE VII, §24(C) OF THIS CHARTER.

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