

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0190
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, and Ramos

At the request of: Charter Review Special Committee

Introduced and read first time: May 11, 2026

Assigned to: Charter Review Special Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Procurement Reform**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement for the Board of Estimates to make a bid award to
4 the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; setting a special effective date; and submitting
5 this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to repeal

7 Article VI - Board of Estimates

8 Section 11(h)(1)(ii)

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 **Baltimore City Charter**

14 **Article VI. Board of Estimates**

15 **§ 11. Procurement.**

16 (h) *Bid awards.*

17 (1) (i)

18 [(ii) After opening the bids, the Board of Estimates shall award the contract, as an
19 entirety to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder or by items to the
20 respective lowest responsive and responsible bidders, or in the case of
21 Requests for Proposals to the highest scoring responsive and responsible
22 bidder, or shall reject all bids. However, whenever alternative bids are invited
23 for two or more different things, then, after all bids have been opened, the
24 Board may select the particular item that will be procured, and shall award the

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

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1 contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder or in the case of
2 Requests for Proposals to the highest scoring responsive and responsible
3 bidder for that particular item.]

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the provisions repealed by this Resolution
5 shall, upon approval by the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, become fully effective
6 upon the date of the next General Election conducted in Baltimore City or upon passage of an
7 ordinance or promulgation of a regulation governing the subject matter of the repealed provision,
8 whichever is sooner. To the extent of any inconsistency or conflict between such ordinance or
9 regulation and the repealed provision, the ordinance shall prevail.

10 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City
11 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
12 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
13 City Solicitor.