

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0110R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Middleton,
Scott, Pinkett, Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Stokes, Clarke, Reisinger, Bullock

Introduced and read first time: October 15, 2018

Assigned to: Labor Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Human Resources

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing - Residency Requirements for City Officials**

3 FOR the purpose of calling for a hearing to measure the compliance of City Officials with
4 residency and voting registration requirements, and to determine how to move forward so that
5 100% compliance is reached.

6 **Recitals**

7 Under Article 1 of the Baltimore City Code, the heads of agencies that report directly to the
8 Mayor and at-will supervisory employees who report to an agency head or directly to the Mayor
9 must, with one caveat, be a resident of and registered to vote in Baltimore City at the time of
10 their appointment and must remain a resident and registered voter throughout their entire office
11 term. This provision does not apply to heads of agencies or at-will supervisory employees who,
12 before their appointment, sign a declaration of intent to become a City resident and registered
13 voter within 6 months of the effective date of their employment. If the agency head or at-will
14 supervisory employee does not become a City resident and registered voter within 6 months of
15 the effective date of their employment, their employment is automatically terminated at the end
16 of the 6 month period.

17 It is important that those who make major decisions for Baltimore City reside and vote in
18 Baltimore City. City residents should be governed by those who have made a similar
19 commitment to live and vote in the City. It is likely that not all those who are required to be City
20 residents and registered voters are currently complying with the Code provision. Therefore, a
21 hearing should be held to determine whether there is general compliance with the provision, and
22 if there is not general compliance, how such compliance can be achieved.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City
24 Council calls for a hearing to measure the compliance of City Officials with residency and voting
25 registration requirements, and to determine how to move forward so that 100% compliance is
26 reached.

27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Interim
28 Director of Human Resources, Director of Finance, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor's
29 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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