

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0459
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of the Mayor)
Introduced and read first time: October 28, 2019
Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Department of General Services, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Naming the Courthouse East Building to be the**
3 **Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse**

4 FOR the purpose of naming the Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street,
5 the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section 20-2
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings demonstrated a life-long commitment to the
13 law and to protecting the civil rights of his fellow citizens. Prior to his service in
14 elective office, he fought for justice as an attorney practicing in the historic
15 Courthouse East building. He would later serve the citizens of Baltimore in the
16 Maryland House of Delegates and United States House of Representatives until
17 his passing on October 17, 2019.

18 The Courthouse East building is situated directly across from the Clarence M.
19 Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse. That building was renamed in 1985, in honor of the late
20 Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., who served as head of the National Association for the
21 Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)'s Washington office and was one of
22 President Lyndon Johnson's chief advisers during the Civil Rights Movement.
23 Mitchell was the brother of the late Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, the first
24 African-American to win election to and serve as Representative of the 7th District
25 seat in Congress. As Congressman Cummings would later hold this same seat for
26 23 years until his transition, it is fitting to rename the Courthouse East building in
27 his honor.

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

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1 The Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse will stand in perpetuity as a monument to
2 the Congressman’s service to the common man, the rule of law in our society, and
3 his commitment to economic justice for all.

4 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
5 Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street, is named the Elijah E. Cummings
6 Courthouse.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
8 after the date it is enacted.