

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0470
(Resolution)
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey, Bullock, Clarke, Cohen, Burnett, Stokes, Sneed
Introduced and read first time: December 2, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – City Council - Exercise of Legislative Powers**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying and clarifying the City Council’s authority to legislate certain
4 powers and duties of all units of the Executive Branch; and submitting this amendment to the
5 qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article VII - Executive Departments

8 Section(s) 2(a)

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 VII. Executive Departments**

15 **§ 2. General provisions: Powers and duties; Contracts.**

16 (a) *Powers and duties prescribed by ordinance.*

17 [Consistent with the Charter, and subject to the supervision of a superior municipal
18 officer or agency, a department, officer, commission, board or other municipal agency
19 provided for in the Charter shall perform additional duties and possess additional powers,
20 as may be prescribed by ordinance.]

21 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY THIS CHARTER, A DEPARTMENT, OFFICER, BOARD,
22 COMMISSION, COUNCIL, AUTHORITY, COMMITTEE, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, MAYORAL OFFICE,
23 OR OTHER UNIT OF CITY GOVERNMENT, WHETHER ESTABLISHED BY THIS CHARTER, BY
24 ORDINANCE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, OR OTHERWISE, SHALL PERFORM ADDITIONAL DUTIES
25 AND POSSESS ADDITIONAL POWERS AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE.

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

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