

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0489
(Resolution)
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: President Scott

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020

Assigned to: Equity and Structure Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Board of Estimates – Composition**

3 FOR the purpose reconstituting the Board of Estimates to comprise the Mayor, Comptroller, and
4 City Council President; correcting, conforming, and clarifying related provisions; and
5 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article VI - Board of Estimates
8 Section(s) 1(a) and 10
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 **§ 1. Establishment and organization.**

16 (a) (1) There [shall be] IS a Board of Estimates, composed of the Mayor, THE President of the
17 City Council, AND THE Comptroller, [City Solicitor, and Director of Public Works,]
18 none of whom [shall] MAY receive any additional salary as members of the Board.

19 (2) The President of the City Council [shall be] IS President of the Board, and one of the
20 OTHER members shall act as Secretary.

21 (3) The Board may employ [such] THE employees [as may be] necessary to discharge its
22 duties[;]. [their] THEIR number and compensation [shall be fixed] ARE AS PROVIDED
23 in the Ordinance of Estimates.

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

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1 **§ 10. Salaries.**

2 (a) [(1)] In preparing the Ordinance of Estimates, the Board of Estimates may increase or
3 decrease the salaries of all municipal officers, except[: (i) the] elected officials subject to
4 Article VII, §§ 117 through 125 of this Charter[: and (ii) the appointed municipal officers
5 who serve as members of the Board of Estimates,].

6 (B) [(2)] If the salary of an appointed municipal officer is [so] increased or decreased, it may
7 not again be increased or decreased, as the case may be, during that officer's term.

8 [(b)(1) The Mayor and City Council may, by ordinance, increase or decrease the salaries of
9 the appointed municipal officers who serve as members of the Board of Estimates.

10 (2) If the salary of an appointed municipal officer on the Board is so increased or
11 decreased, it may not again be increased or decreased, as the case may be, during that
12 officer's term.]

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 rejection,
15 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
16 City Solicitor.