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**Title:** Charter Amendment - Board of Finance - Membership  
For the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of Finance; establishing terms for appointed members of the Board; providing for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair; establishing rules for quorum and voting; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:** President Nicholas J. Mosby

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5/21/2024	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement	
5/21/2024	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Office of the Mayor	
5/21/2024	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
5/21/2024	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill  
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: President Mosby

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning  
**Charter Amendment - Board of Finance - Membership**

For the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of Finance; establishing terms for appointed members of the Board; providing for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair; establishing rules for quorum and voting; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to amend

Article VII - Executive Departments  
Section 20  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

**Section 1. Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

### **Baltimore City Charter**

#### **Article VII. Executive Departments**

##### **§ 20. Board of Finance: Composition.**

(a) *Members; Designees; Salary.*

(1) The Board shall consist of [five] 7 members:

(i) the [Mayor,] Mayor;

(ii) the [Comptroller,] Comptroller;

(iii) the President of the City Council;

(iv) the City Solicitor; and

(v) [three members; who shall be appointed, must be confirmed, and shall serve, pursuant to Article IV, Section 6] 3 members, each of whom shall be appointed to the Board separately by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the President of the City Council.

(2) The following members may select a designee to serve on the Board in their place when the member is unavailable:

(i) the Mayor;

(ii) the Comptroller;

(iii) the President of the City Council; and

(iv) the City Solicitor.

(3) [(2)] City officials serving on the Board shall not receive any additional salary for such membership.

(b) *Terms.*

The terms of the 3 appointed members shall expire on the last day of the year in which the term of the Mayor begins pursuant to Article IV, § 1 {"Election, term, etc."}.

(c) [(b) *President; Mayor's designee*] *Officers; Quorum; Voting; etc.*.

[The Mayor shall serve as the President of the Board.]

[The mayor may designate a representative to represent the mayor in the Mayor's absence. In that event, the Board's Vice President shall exercise the powers of the Board President.]

(1) *Chair.*

The Chair of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board from among the 3 members appointed under subsection (a)(1)(v) of this section.

(2) *Vice -Chair.*

The Vice-Chair of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board from among the 3 members appointed under subsection (a)(1)(v) of this section.

(3) *Quorum.*

A majority of the members of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(4) *Voting.*

An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

(5) *Absence of the Chair.*

In the event of the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall exercise the powers of the Board Chair.

(d) [(b)] *Clerk.*

The Board shall designate a clerk to the Board who shall keep its accounts and a record of its proceedings.

**Section 2. And be it further resolved,** That this proposed amendment to the City Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the City Solicitor.