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**Title:** Charter Amendment - Repeal - Term Limits  
 For the purpose of repealing term limits for Baltimore City elected officials, including the Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.  
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12/13/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Employees' and Elected Officials' Retirement Systems	
12/13/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Office of the Mayor	
12/13/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Office of the Comptroller	
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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: Councilmember Dorsey

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning  
**Charter Amendment - Repeal - Term Limits**

For the purpose of repealing term limits for Baltimore City elected officials, including the Mayor, Comptroller, City Council President, and City Council members; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to repeal  
Article III - City Council  
Sections 2(e) and 3(c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

By proposing to repeal  
Article IV - Mayor  
Section 1(d)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

By proposing to repeal  
Article V - Comptroller  
Section 1(a)(5)  
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 III. City Council**

#### **§ 2. Members.**

[(e) *Term Limit.*]

[A member of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected member from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as member. In the event that an elected member takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy as described in §§ 2 or 6 of this Article, that elected member shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

#### **§ 3. President.**

[(c) *Term limit.*]

[The President of the City Council shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected President from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as President. In the event that an elected President takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy described in §§ 3 or 4 of this Article, that elected President shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

### **Article III. City Council**

#### **§ 1. Election, term, etc.**

[(d) *Term limit.*]

[A Mayor shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period. This provision shall not preclude an elected Mayor from seeking other elected offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Mayor. In the event that an elected Mayor takes office as a result of a removal, vacancy or absence described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Mayor shall only be eligible to hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

## Article V. Comptroller

### § 1. Election, term, etc.; Deputy Comptroller; Staff.

(a) *Election and qualifications; Term; Salary[; Term limit].*

[(5) A Comptroller shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive full terms of office

and in no event shall hold the office for more than 8 years during any 12 year period.

This provision shall not preclude an elected Comptroller from seeking other elected

offices within Baltimore City after two consecutive terms as Comptroller. In the

event that an elected Comptroller takes office as a result of a removal or vacancy

described in § 2 of this Article, that elected Comptroller shall only be eligible to

hold that office for the remainder of the predecessor's unexpired term and 1 consecutive full term thereafter.]

**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.