



Legislation Text

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**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 - Approval or Veto of Legislation**

For the purpose of amending the period during which the Mayor shall return an ordinance or resolution to the Council if the Mayor does not approve or the ordinance or resolution; permitting the City Council to override a Mayoral veto at a regular or special meeting of the City Council; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to amend

Article IV - Mayor  
Section 5(b)  
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 IV. Mayor**

**§ 5. Approval or veto of legislation.**

(b) *Veto; Return to Council.*

(1) If the Mayor does not approve of an ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, the Mayor shall return it with written objections to the City Council within [three] two actual regular meetings, not more than one of which shall occur in any one calendar week, of the City Council after the delivery of the ordinance or resolution to the Mayor.

(2) On receipt, the Mayor's objections shall be read promptly to the Council at a regular or special

meeting and entered on its Journal. [The Council may proceed to reconsider and vote on the ordinance or resolution:]

[(i) after 5 calendar days from when the Mayor's objections have been read to the Council; and]

[(ii) either:]

[(A) within 20 calendar days from when the Mayor's objections have been read to the Council; or]

[(B) if no regular meeting is held during that 20-day period, at the first regular meeting that is scheduled after that 20-day period.]

(3) The Council may reconsider and vote on the ordinance or resolution at a regular or special meeting:

(i) at least 5 calendar days after the Mayor's objections have been read to the Council; and

(ii) no more than 20 calendar days from when the Mayor's objections have been read to the Council.

(4) [(3)] Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, no vetoed ordinance or resolution may be reconsidered by a City Council that has been newly-elected and sworn since the passage of the vetoed ordinance or resolution.

(5)[(4)] If the ordinance or resolution, after reconsideration, is again passed by the City Council by a vote of two-thirds of its members, it becomes an ordinance or resolution of the City. In these cases, after the reconsideration, the votes on the question of the passage of the ordinance or resolution over the veto of the Mayor shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against passage of the ordinance or resolution over the veto of the Mayor shall be entered on the Journal of the City Council.

**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.