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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL  
(Charter Amendment)

Introduced by: Councilmember Holton  
A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning  
**Charter Amendment - City Solicitor - Public Works Director - Compensation**

FOR the purpose of providing that the compensation of the City Solicitor and Public Works Director be set by the same Commission and under the same procedures as used to set the compensation for elected officials; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing to amend

Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section(s) 10(a)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

BY proposing to repeal

Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section(s) 10(b)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

BY proposing to amend

Article VII - Executive Departments  
Section(s) 23(c) and 28(c),  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

BY proposing to amend

Article VII - Executive Departments  
Section(s) 117, 118, 123, 124(a), and 125(b), to be under the amended heading designation,  
"Compensation Commission for Elected and Board of Estimates Officials"  
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 VI. Board of Estimates

§ 10. Salaries.

(a) In-term increases or decreases - In general.

(1) In preparing the Ordinance of Estimates, the Board of Estimates may increase or decrease the salaries of all municipal officers, except[:(i)] FOR the elected officials AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES OFFICIALS WHO ARE subject to Article VII, §§ 117 through 125 of this Charter[; and (ii) the appointed municipal officers who serve as members of the Board of Estimates].

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

[(b) In-term increases or decreases - Board members.

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

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

Article VII. Executive Departments

Department of Law

§ 23. Department of Law: City Solicitor.

(c) Salary.

The City Solicitor's salary shall be set [in the Ordinance of Estimates] AS PROVIDED IN §§ 117 THROUGH 125 OF THIS ARTICLE.

Department of Public Works

§ 28. Department of Public Works: Director.

(c) Salary.

The Director's salary shall be set [in the Ordinance of Estimates] AS PROVIDED IN §§ 117 THROUGH 125 OF THIS ARTICLE.

Compensation Commission for Elected AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES Officials

§ 117. Definitions.

(a) In general.

In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(B) BOARD OF ESTIMATES OFFICIAL.

“BOARD OF ESTIMATES OFFICIAL” MEANS:

- (1) THE CITY SOLICITOR; AND
- (2) THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(C) [(b)] Commission.

“Commission” means the Compensation Commission for Elected AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES Officials.

(D) [(c)] Compensation.

“Compensation” means all salary and allowances paid to an elected official OR BOARD OF ESTIMATES OFFICIAL.

(d) Elected official.

“Elected official” means:

- (1) the Mayor;
- (2) the City Comptroller;
- (3) the President of the City Council; and
- (4) the Members of the City Council.

§ 118. Commission established.

There is a Compensation Commission for Elected AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES Officials.

§ 123. Commission recommendations.

The Commission shall:

- (1) evaluate the compensation of all elected officials AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES OFFICIALS; and
- (2) recommend that, for the next term of office, the compensation be increased, decreased, or remain unchanged.

§ 124. Submission to Council.

(c) If no change proposed.

If the Commission recommends no change in [any] THE COMPENSATION OF elected OR BOARD OF ESTIMATES [official's compensation] OFFICIALS, or fails to submit a timely recommendation, no Resolution is to be introduced and the compensation to be paid [elected] THESE officials remains unchanged.

§ 125. Council action.

(b) Rejection by Council.

If, by a majority vote of all members, the City Council affirmatively rejects the Resolution on or before December 15 of the year preceding the mayoral general election, the compensation to be paid elected AND BOARD OF ESTIMATES officials remains unchanged.

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.

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