



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 - City Council - Director of Budget and Finance**

For the purpose of authorizing the City Council to retain the services of an independent director budget and finance; providing for the qualifications and term of that director; specifying the duties of that director; providing for the director's compensation and expenses; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to add  
Article III - City Council  
Section 16  
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**

**§ 16. Director of Budget and Finance.**

(a) *Authority to employ.*

The President of the City Council may employ the services of an independent Director of Budget and Finance. The selection and employment of the Director of Budget and Finance shall be consistent with this section, as supplemented by the Rules of the City Council.

(b) *Qualifications.*

The Director of Budget and Finance:

- (1) shall possess a Master's degree from an accredited college or university in accounting, business administration, finance, or public administration;
- (2) shall meet all other qualifications for the position set by the Rules of the City Council;
- (3) during his or her term, is subject to the Rules of the City Council that generally govern officers and employees of the Council; and
- (4) during her or his term, may not engage in any other practice or employment as an accountant, financial advisor, or other similar work unless:
  - (i) it is uncompensated and in the nature of community service, such as pro bono advice to or representation of indigent clients, community nonprofit organizations, religious or other charitable organizations; or
  - (ii) it is on behalf of her- or himself or her or his parent, spouse, or child.

(c) *Term.*

The Director of Budget and Finance serves at the pleasure of the President of the City Council .

(d) *Duties.*

As the President of the City Council directs, the Director of Budget and Finance shall:

- (1) provide independent budget and finance advice to the City Council, its committees, and subcommittees;
- (2) furnish fiscal impact statements to the City Council, its committees, and subcommittees, as requested; and
- (3) assist the City Council in analyzing financial matters before the City Council, its committees, and subcommittees.

(e) *Compensation; Expenses.*

- (1) The Director of Budget and Finance's compensation shall be at least equal to that of a full-time Deputy Finance Director in the Department of Finance or an Operations Director II, whichever is greater.
- (2) The Board of Estimates shall annually include in the Ordinance of Estimates submitted to the City Council an amount sufficient to fund the Director's compensation and necessary expenses.
- (3) The amount appropriated for the Director's compensation and expenses shall be in addition to and may not supplant, be deducted from, or serve as a basis for reducing any part of the operating budget 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.