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For the purpose of requiring a Charter Review Commission be appointed at least once every 10 years to review and make recommendations for necessary deletions, additions, or revisions to the City Charter; providing for the term of the Commission; setting forth the manner of the Commission’s appointment; providing for the Commission’s duties; requiring that the Commission be dissolved on the completion of its duties; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

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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: President Scott

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning  
**Charter Amendment - Charter Review Commission**

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the Commission's duties; requiring that the Commission be dissolved on the completion of its duties; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to add

Article XI - Charter Review Commission  
Section(s) 1 to 6  
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 XI. Charter Review Commission**

##### **§ 1. Commission established.**

A Charter Review Commission shall be established in accordance with this article at least every 10 years following the adoption of this article.

##### **§ 2. Term of Commission.**

A Charter Review Commission shall be appointed no later than May 1 in a year preceding a congressional election and complete its duties and be dissolved no later than May 31 in the year following its appointment.

##### **§ 3. Composition.**

(a) *In general.*

The Commission shall be composed of 9 registered voters of the City appointed without regard to political affiliation.

(b) *Manner of appointment.*

The Mayor, the President of the City Council, and the Comptroller shall each appoint 3 members to the Commission.

(c) *Ineligibility of elected officials .*

Except for a member of the Judiciary, no person holding electing office may be appointed to the Commission.

(d) *Chair.*

The Commission shall elect a chair from among its members.

(e) *Advisory body.*

At the discretion of the Commission, advisory committees may be appointed to assist the Commission in its duties.

##### **§ 4. Duties.**

(a) *In general.*

The Commission shall review the Charter, undertake a comprehensive study of its contents, and make findings and recommendations as to the necessity for deleting, adding, or amending its provisions in order to improve the efficiency and operations of City government.

(b) *Public hearing and testimony.*

Prior to delivering its report to the Mayor and the City Council, the Commission shall hold at least 1 public hearing to receive public testimony about the work of the Commission.

**§ 5. Report to the Mayor and City Council.**

(a) *In general.*

The Commission shall deliver a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council.

(b) *Public hearing.*

The City Council shall hold a public hearing at which the Commission shall present its report and recommendations.

**§ 6. Dissolution.**

On completing the activities required in §5 of this article, the Commission shall be deemed dissolved and its work completed.

**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.