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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**

Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: Office of the Comptroller

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning  
**Board of Estimates - Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds**

For the purpose of repealing City Code, Article 5, Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"}; designating the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to be the clerk of the Board of Estimates; requiring the Clerk of the Board of Estimates coordinate reports required to be filed with the Board of Estimates; requiring the Comptroller to retain the reports for an appropriate period of time; and establishing certain contract and procurement thresholds pursuant to City Charter Article VI, Section 11(b).

By repealing

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"}, in its entirety  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By adding

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section(s) 1-1 through 1-3, *to be under the new subtitle,*  
"Subtitle 1. Board of Estimates"  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That City Code Article 5, Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"} is repealed in its entirety.

**Section 2. Be it further ordained,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

## Subtitle 1. Board of Estimates

### § 1-1. Clerk to the Board of Estimates.

(a) *In general.*

The Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee shall perform the duties of Clerk to the Board of Estimates.

(b) *Required reports.*

(1) The Clerk to the Board of Estimates shall coordinate the submission of any report that is required to be submitted to the Board of Estimates by the Charter or this City Code.

(2) The Comptroller shall retain any report described in paragraph (1) for an appropriate period of time.

### § 1-2. Procurement thresholds.

(a) *In general.*

Pursuant to the authority of City Charter Article VI, § 11(b), the following contract and procurement thresholds are established.

(b) *Formal advertisement.*

All expenditures of \$50,000 or more shall be formally advertised under City Charter Article VI, § 11(c).

(c) *Board approval.*

All expenditures of \$25,000 or more shall be subject to Board of Estimates approval under City Charter Article VI, § 11(f).

### § 1-3. Rules and regulations.

Subject to Title 4 {"Administrative Procedure Act - Regulations"} of the General Provisions Article, the Board may adopt rules and regulations as necessary or appropriate.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.