

# SENATE BILL 127

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By: **Senators Conway, McFadden, Nathan-Pulliam, and Robinson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Mayor and Members of the City Council – Qualifications –**  
3 **Residency Period**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the residency period in Baltimore City that the Mayor and the  
5 members of the City Council of Baltimore City must satisfy to qualify for election to  
6 office; and generally relating to residency period requirements for individuals  
7 seeking election as Mayor or member of the City Council of Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Charter of Baltimore City  
10 Article III – City Council  
11 Section 1  
12 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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15 Article IV – Mayor  
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17 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

21 **Article III – City Council**

22 1.

23 (a) The Legislative Department of the City shall be the City Council, which shall  
24 consist of a single chamber.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) Members of the City Council, except the President whose qualifications are provided for in Section 3, shall be citizens of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years and registered voters. They also shall be residents of the districts the members have chosen to represent for at least [one year] **18 MONTHS** next preceding their election, except as provided in Section (7)(e), and during their term of office.

(c) The salary of each member shall be set as provided in Article VII, §§ 117 through 125 of this Charter.

#### Article IV – Mayor

##### 1.

(a) (1) The voters of Baltimore City shall elect a Mayor on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November 2007, and on the same day and month in every succeeding fourth year.

(2) The Mayor shall be a person of known integrity, experience, and sound judgment. The Mayor also shall be over 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City for at least [1 year] **18 MONTHS** next preceding the election and during the term of office.

(b) The term of Mayor shall commence on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in December succeeding the election and continue for four years and until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

(c) The salary of the Mayor shall be set as provided in Article III, §§ 117 through 125 of this Charter.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.