

of the said Board. Said Commissioners shall perform and complete duties herein imposed upon them on or before the 15th day of February, 1923. When said book containing the said descriptions of the said Councilmanic Districts of the City of Baltimore so laid out as aforesaid, has been deposited for record in the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, then the said Councilmanic Districts as in said book described and laid out shall thereafter be deemed to be the several Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore City.

216. The City Council shall meet annually on the Thursday next after the third Monday in May and may continue in session for one hundred and twenty days and no longer in each year; provided that they may by ordinance or resolution so arrange their sittings that the same may be held continuously or otherwise, and provided further that the Mayor may convene the City Council in extra session as he may now do by the fourth section of the eleventh article of the State Constitution.

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## ARTICLE XIA.

### LOCAL LEGISLATION.<sup>1</sup>

Section 1. On demand of the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore, or on petition bearing the signatures of not less than 20% of the registered voters of said City or any County (provided, however, that in any case 10,000 signatures shall be sufficient to complete a petition), the Board of Election Supervisors of said City or County shall provide at the next general or congressional election, occurring after such demand or the filing of such petition, for the election of a charter board of eleven registered voters of said City or five registered voters in any such Counties. Nominations for members for said charter board may be made not less than forty days prior to said election by the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or the County Commissioners of such County, or not less than twenty days prior to said election by petition bearing the signatures written in their own handwriting (and not by their mark) of not less than 5% of the registered voters of the said City of Baltimore or said County; provided, that in any case two thousand signatures of registered voters shall be sufficient to complete any such nominating petition, and if not more than eleven registered voters of the City of Baltimore or not more than five registered voters in any such County are so nominated their names shall not be printed on the ballot, but said eleven registered voters in the City of Baltimore or five in such County shall constitute said charter board from and after the date of said election. At said election the ballot shall contain the names of said nominees in alphabetical order without any indication of the source of their nomination, and shall also be so arranged as to permit the voter to vote for or against the creation of said charter board, but the vote cast against said creation shall not be held to

<sup>1</sup> This article was added to the Constitution by act of 1914, ch. 416, ratified November, 1915.