

In pursuance of the power conferred by Article XI-A of the Constitution and by Chapter 555 Acts of 1920, the voters of Baltimore City adopted the following amendment to the City Charter at the November election 1922:¹

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

291. The Legislative Department of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be vested in the City Council, which shall consist of a single chamber.

292. The City Council shall consist of nineteen members, one of whom shall be the President thereof, and shall possess the qualifications and be elected as hereinafter provided. The other eighteen members shall be elected from the six Councilmanic Districts, three from each district, as hereinafter provided.

The members of the City Council, except the President thereof, shall be citizens of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, residents of the City of Baltimore three years prior to their election, and for the same time residents of the Councilmanic District for which they are elected, and assessed with property to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each, who have paid taxes on the same one year prior to their election, and they shall hold office for four years. Each member of the City Council shall be paid a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum, payable monthly.

293. The Election for members of the City Council shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May in the year 1923, and upon every fourth year thereafter. Their terms of office shall be for four years. Said election shall be held by Councilmanic Districts and no person shall be entitled to vote for any member of the City Council except for the member for the Councilmanic District of which the voter is a resident. The members of the First Branch and Second Branch of the City Council now in office shall hold office until their successors have been elected under the provisions of this Charter and have duly qualified.

294. There shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, 1923, and upon every fourth year thereafter, from the City at large, a person to be the President of the City Council who shall possess the qualifications required and hereinbefore defined of the Mayor of the City of Baltimore. His duty shall be to preside over the City Council and vote on all questions and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances not inconsistent with this Charter. He shall be paid a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum payable monthly. The City Council, by two-third vote of all the members elected may remove from office the President of the City Council for incompetency; willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office upon charges preferred by the Mayor, and after notice of such charges is given to the President of the City Council and an opportunity afforded him to be heard.

295. The qualifications of electors of members of the City Council shall be the same as those of electors of the Mayor. All vacancies in the City Council shall be filled without delay by the City Council from the Councilmanic District in which the said vacancy occurs, by an election of a person possessing the qualifications hereinbefore prescribed, to fill the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

296. All powers, rights, duties and privileges heretofore vested in the First and Second Branches of the City Council, or in either of them, shall

¹ Reference is to 1938 Edition of the Baltimore City Charter.