

Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Powers", as said section was amended by Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1945; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 868 of said Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police", as said section was amended by Chapter 830 of the Acts of 1943, to authorize the qualified voters of Baltimore City to determine whether or not the power of appointment of the Police Commissioner of the City of Baltimore shall be transferred from the Governor to the Mayor of Baltimore City and whether the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall be authorized to establish and maintain a Police Department, within and subject to the limitations prescribed by said Section 6 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Baltimore City Charter, as hereby amended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 868 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

868. There shall be appointed by the Mayor in the manner prescribed in Section 12 of this Charter on June 1, 1949 and every six years thereafter, one discreet person, resident or engaged in business in the City of Baltimore for three consecutive years next preceding the day of his appointment, who shall be known as the Police Commissioner for the City of Baltimore, and whose term of office shall continue for six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. If a person appointed Police Commissioner is a member of a Retirement or Pension System of the State of Maryland or City of Baltimore, he shall have the right to continue as a member of such system, with all the rights, privileges and benefits which the members of such system may have as to retirement on pension or the payment of pension or other benefits to his widow or other beneficiary, provided he continues to pay the same amount of contribution to such retirement system or pension fund which he was paying when he became Police Commissioner. Upon ceasing to be Police Commissioner, such person shall have the right to be retired on pension, with all the rights and privileges of the system of which he is a member, without any regard to the age requirements or the requirements for physical examination required by such system, provided the total combined service prior to becoming Police Commissioner and as Police Commissioner