

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 330

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “City;” insert “providing for certain vesting rights in a certain pension system under certain circumstances, subject to the passage and ratification of a certain Constitutional amendment;”; in the same line, after “making” insert “certain provisions of”; and after line 16, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

Section (24)(a-1)

(1996 Edition, as amended)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 30, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

(Over)

(24) (a-1) To establish and maintain a separate system of pension and retirement benefits for elected officials of Baltimore City; to fix the terms of and restrictions on admission to that system and the classifications therein; to provide that persons eligible for admission in that pension system shall not be eligible to receive credit for the same years of service for which they received credit in any other pension system supported wholly or in part by the City of Baltimore or State of Maryland; to provide for the optional transfer to that pension system of any elected official who is eligible to join it, from any other system of pensions and retirement benefits operated and maintained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; to provide in connection with that pension system, benefits payable to the beneficiaries and dependents of any participant in that pension system after the death of that participant (whether accidental or otherwise and whether occurring in the actual performance of duty or otherwise), subject to any exceptions, restrictions and classifications that may be provided by ordinance; provided, however, that upon the adoption of an ordinance providing for their participation in that pension system, eligible elected officials who do not elect to participate in that pension system, shall be entitled to the pensions, retirement benefits and other benefits or allowances, for themselves, their widows and dependents, under the laws or ordinances in force immediately prior to the adoption of that ordinance PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT, SUBJECT TO THE PASSAGE OF CHAPTER _____ (S.B. 331) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1999, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, AND ITS RATIFICATION BY THE VOTERS OF THE STATE, AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO IS ELECTED AT THE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1999, AND SERVES A FULL 3-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE PENSION SYSTEM FOR VESTING PURPOSES FOR A 4-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.”;

in line 31, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”; in line 32, after “S.B.” insert “331”; and in the same line, strike “(9lr0686)”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 2, strike “2” and substitute “3”.