

BY: Senator Conway

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 323
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “- Election Dates”; in line 4, after the semicolon insert “authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide certain pension and retirement benefits to certain elected officials;”; and after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Charter of Baltimore City
Article II - General Powers
Section (24)(a-1)
(1996 Edition and 2000 Supplement, as amended)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, before line 16, insert:

“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:

(24)

(a-1) To establish and maintain a separate system of pension and retirement benefits

(Over)

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 ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO IS ELECTED TO SERVE A TWO YEAR TERM OF OFFICE WITH PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS BASED ON A FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE; 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.”.