

SENATE BILL 368

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By: **Senators Ferguson, McFadden, and Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Police Commissioner – Length of Term**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision requiring that the Police Commissioner of
4 Baltimore City be appointed for a term of a certain number of years; providing that
5 the Police Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor of Baltimore City;
6 and generally relating to the appointment and term of office for the Police
7 Commissioner of Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
10 Section 16–5(a)
11 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 4 – Baltimore City**

16 16–5.

17 (a) **(1)** The Police Commissioner of Baltimore City shall be appointed by the
18 Mayor of Baltimore City, subject to confirmation by the City Council by a majority vote of
19 its members, [for a term of six years, the first term to commence July 1, 1978, and continue
20 until a successor is appointed and qualified as herein provided] **AND SHALL SERVE AT**
21 **THE PLEASURE OF THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY**, but no person is eligible for the
22 appointment unless that person is a citizen of the United States, not less than 30 years of
23 age, and has not had less than five years' administrative experience that is sufficiently
24 broad, responsible and technical to prepare that person to function effectively at the desired
25 level as police commissioner.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2)** In determining and assessing the qualifications for appointment to the
2 office of police commissioner, the Mayor shall give full consideration to the depth, breadth,
3 quality and importance of relevant experience, the degree of progression achieved therein,
4 and in educational subjects related thereto, and shall further consider evidence of
5 demonstrated ability to accept and successfully meet increasing responsibilities, as well as
6 evidence respecting excellence of character, professional reputation and employment
7 record.

8 **(3)** To assure selection of the most qualified individual available for the
9 office, the Mayor may employ any recognized testing agency to evaluate and make
10 recommendations concerning the qualifications of prospective appointees.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2016.