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Senate Bill 127 (Senator Conway, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Mayor and Members of the City Council - Qualifications -
Residency Period**

This bill increases, from one year to 18 months, the residency period in Baltimore City that the mayor and city council members must satisfy to qualify for election to office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, the mayor must be a city resident for at least one year preceding the election. Council members must be residents of the districts that they have chosen to represent for at least one year preceding their election to office.

Background: Baltimore City Council members are elected from 14 districts, and the President is elected at-large by all voters of the city. City Council members and the Mayor of Baltimore City are elected every four years and serve four-year terms. The most recent election was in 2016.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

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