

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 99-2020**

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Michael A. Martin

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Fiscal Impact:

There will be minimal fiscal impact of this legislation.

According to the Baltimore Sun's Ad Options website, the cost<sup>1</sup> to publish the amendment announcement in the Howard County Times will be approximately \$340.

Purpose:

The legislation proposes a change to Section 404 of the County Charter by shortening the term from five years to three years of those residents appointed to the Citizen Review Board.

Other Comments:

This Charter Amendment was a recommendation proposed by the Charter Review Commission.

Charter amendments must be approved by a two-thirds Council vote and are then submitted to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection.

Any amendment to the Charter must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

The next general election in Maryland is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://placeanad.baltimoresun.com/ad-options/?pub=howard-county-times&type=productpublication>  
\$68 per publication x 5 weeks = \$340