

be vested in the City Council, as herein constituted. All powers, rights, duties and privileges heretofore vested in the President of the Second Branch of the City Council shall be vested in the President of the City Council as provided for herein. All acts subject to amendment in accordance with Article XIA of the Constitution, or parts of such acts, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all sections, or parts of sections of this charter, including Section 657 B of Article IV of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, inconsistent or in conflict with Sections 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 303 and 304 as hereby enacted, are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

297. For the purpose of establishing Councilmanic Districts, the Mayor shall appoint, as soon as may be, a Commission consisting of three members, who shall be members of the Board of Supervisors of Election of Baltimore City; the said Commissioners shall serve without pay; one of the said Commissioners shall be the President of said Commission and shall be so designated by the Mayor. In case any one or more persons who are members of the Board of Supervisors of Election shall refuse or be unable to serve, the Mayor shall appoint such other persons not members of the Board of Supervisors of Election as he may deem fit for said office, but not more than two of said Commissioners shall be affiliated with the same political party. The said Commission shall divide and apportion the City of Baltimore into six Councilmanic Districts, as near as may be, of equal population and of contiguous territory, and fix the boundaries thereof. The districts so divided shall be the Councilmanic Districts for the election of members of the City Council. When the said six Councilmanic Districts are so laid out by the said Commissioners as hereinbefore directed it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to make or cause to be made in a proper book, a careful description of the boundaries of each of said Councilmanic Districts numbered under its proper number and after making a careful and exact copy of the same in another proper book, and after verifying the said original book and the said copy by their signatures, to deposit the original book in the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and to be recorded by him among the Land Records in his Office, and a copy of the description or descriptions contained in the said record of the boundaries or any one or more Councilmanic Districts therein mentioned and described, shall be evidence of the boundaries of such Councilmanic District or Districts so laid out as aforesaid, and the copy of said original book so made and so verified, as aforesaid, shall be deposited with the Board of Supervisors of Election of Baltimore City to be retained among the records of the said Board. Said Commissioners shall perform and complete duties herein imposed upon them on or before the 15th day of February, 1923. When said book containing the said descriptions of the said Councilmanic Districts of the City of Baltimore so laid out as aforesaid, has been deposited for record in the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, then the said Councilmanic Districts as in said book described and laid out shall thereafter be deemed to be the several Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore City.

298. The City Council shall meet annually on the Thursday next after the third Monday in May and may continue in session for one hundred and twenty days and no longer in each year; provided that they may by ordinance or resolution so arrange their sittings that the same may be held continuously or otherwise, and provided further that the Mayor may convene the City Council in extra session as he may now do by the fourth section of the eleventh article of the State Constitution.