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To provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REGULA introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and the District of Columbia

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 Retrocession Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. RETROCESSION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO**
7 **MARYLAND.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the issuance of a proclama-
9 tion by the President under section 7 and except as pro-
10 vided in subsection (b), the territory ceded to Congress

1 by the State of Maryland to serve as the District constitut-
2 ing the permanent seat of the Government of the United
3 States is ceded and relinquished to the State of Maryland.

4 (b) CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL CONTROL OVER
5 NATIONAL CAPITAL SERVICE AREA.—Notwithstanding
6 subsection (a), Congress shall continue to exercise exclu-
7 sive legislative authority and control over the District of
8 Columbia, which shall consist of the National Capital
9 Service Area described in section 4.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECT ON JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT**
11 **OF COLUMBIA.**

12 (a) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No writ, action, in-
13 dictment, cause, or proceeding pending in any court of the
14 District of Columbia on the effective date of this Act shall
15 abate as a result of the enactment of this Act, but shall
16 be transferred and shall proceed within such appropriate
17 court of the State of Maryland as established under the
18 laws or constitution of the State of Maryland.

19 (b) APPEALS.—An order or decision of any court of
20 the District of Columbia for which no appeal has been filed
21 as of the effective date of this Act shall be considered an
22 order or decision of a court of the State of Maryland for
23 purposes of appeal from and appellate review of such order
24 or decision in an appropriate court of the State of Mary-
25 land.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL CAPITAL SERVICE AREA.**

2 (a) DESCRIPTION.—The National Capital Service
3 Area referred to in section 2(b) is comprised of the prin-
4 cipal Federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol
5 Building, the United States Supreme Court Building, and
6 the Federal executive, legislative, and judicial office build-
7 ings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building
8 (but shall not include the District Building), and is more
9 particularly described as the territory located within the
10 following boundaries:

11 Beginning at the point on the present Virginia-
12 District of Columbia boundary due west of the
13 northernmost point of Theodore Roosevelt Island
14 and running due east of the eastern shore of the Po-
15 tomac River;

16 thence generally south along the shore at the
17 mean high water mark to the northwest corner of
18 the Kennedy Center;

19 thence east along the north side of the Kennedy
20 Center to a point where it reaches the E Street
21 Expressway;

22 thence east on the expressway to E Street
23 Northwest and thence east on E Street Northwest to
24 Nineteenth Street Northwest;

25 thence north on Nineteenth Street Northwest to
26 F Street Northwest;

1 thence east on F Street Northwest to Eight-
2 eenth Street Northwest;

3 thence south on Eighteenth Street Northwest to
4 Constitution Avenue Northwest;

5 thence east on Constitution Avenue to Seven-
6 teenth Street Northwest;

7 thence north on Seventeenth Street Northwest
8 to H Street Northwest;

9 thence east on H Street Northwest to Madison
10 Place Northwest;

11 thence south on Madison Place Northwest to
12 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest;

13 thence east on Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
14 to Fifteenth Street Northwest;

15 thence south on Fifteenth Street Northwest to
16 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest;

17 thence southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue
18 Northwest to Tenth Street Northwest;

19 thence north on Tenth Street Northwest to E
20 Street Northwest;

21 thence east on E Street Northwest to Ninth
22 Street Northwest;

23 thence south on Ninth Street Northwest to
24 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest;

1 thence southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue
2 Northwest to John Marshall Place Northwest;
3 thence north on John Marshall Place Northwest
4 to C Street Northwest;
5 thence east on C Street Northwest to Third
6 Street Northwest;
7 thence north on Third Street Northwest to D
8 Street Northwest;
9 thence east on D Street Northwest to Second
10 Street Northwest;
11 thence south on Second Street Northwest to the
12 intersection of Constitution Avenue Northwest and
13 Louisiana Avenue Northwest;
14 thence northeast on Louisiana Avenue North-
15 west to North Capitol Street;
16 thence north on North Capitol Street to Massa-
17 chusetts Avenue Northwest;
18 thence southeast on Massachusetts Avenue
19 Northwest so as to encompass Union Square;
20 thence following Union Square to F Street
21 Northeast;
22 thence east on F Street Northeast to Second
23 Street Northeast;
24 thence south on Second Street Northeast to D
25 Street Northeast;

1 thence west on D Street Northeast to First
2 Street Northeast;

3 thence south on First Street Northeast to C
4 Street Northeast;

5 thence east on C Street Northeast to Third
6 Street Northeast;

7 thence south on Third Street Northeast to
8 Maryland Avenue Northeast;

9 thence south and west on Maryland Avenue
10 Northeast to Constitution Avenue Northeast;

11 thence west on Constitution Avenue Northeast
12 to First Street Northeast;

13 thence south on First Street Northeast to
14 Maryland Avenue Northeast;

15 thence generally north and east on Maryland
16 Avenue to Second Street Northeast;

17 thence south on Second Street Northeast to
18 East Capitol Street;

19 thence east on East Capitol Street to Third
20 Street Northeast;

21 thence south on Third Street Northeast to
22 Independence Avenue Southeast;

23 thence west on Independence Avenue Southeast
24 to Second Street Southeast;

1 thence south on Second Street Southeast to C
2 Street Southeast;

3 thence west on C Street Southeast to New Jer-
4 sey Avenue Southeast;

5 thence south on New Jersey Avenue Southeast
6 to D Street Southeast;

7 thence west on D Street Southeast to Washing-
8 ton Avenue Southwest;

9 thence north and west on Washington Avenue
10 Southwest to the intersection of Independence Ave-
11 nue Southwest and Second Street Southwest;

12 thence south on Second Street Southwest to
13 Virginia Avenue Southwest;

14 thence generally west on Virginia Avenue to
15 Third Street Southwest;

16 thence north on Third Street Southwest to C
17 Street Southwest;

18 thence west on C Street Southwest to Sixth
19 Street Southwest;

20 thence south on Sixth Street Southwest to E
21 Street Southwest;

22 thence west on E Street Southwest to Seventh
23 Street Southwest;

24 thence north on Seventh Street Southwest to
25 Maryland Avenue Southwest;

1 thence west on Maryland Avenue Southwest to
2 Ninth Street Southwest;

3 thence north on Ninth Street Southwest to
4 Independence Avenue Southwest;

5 thence west on Independence Avenue Southwest
6 to Twelfth Street Southwest;

7 thence south on Twelfth Street Southwest to D
8 Street Southwest;

9 thence west on D Street Southwest to Four-
10 teenth Street Southwest;

11 thence south on Fourteenth Street Southwest to
12 the middle of the Washington Channel;

13 thence generally south and east along the
14 midchannel of the Washington Channel to a point
15 due west of the northern boundary line of Fort Les-
16 ley McNair;

17 thence due east to the side of the Washington
18 Channel;

19 thence following generally south and east along
20 the side of the Washington Channel at the mean
21 high water mark, to the point of confluence with the
22 Anacostia River, and along the northern shore at the
23 mean high water mark to the northernmost point of
24 the Eleventh Street Bridge;

1 thence generally south and west along such
2 shore at the mean high water mark to the point of
3 confluence of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers;

4 thence generally south and east along the
5 northern side of the Eleventh Street Bridge to the
6 eastern shore of the Anacostia River;

7 thence generally south along the eastern shore
8 at the mean high water mark of the Potomac River
9 to the point where it meets the present southeastern
10 boundary line of the District of Columbia;

11 thence south and west along such southeastern
12 boundary line to the point where it meets the
13 present Virginia-District of Columbia boundary;

14 thence generally north and west up the Poto-
15 mac River along the Virginia-District of Columbia
16 boundary to the point of beginning.

17 (b) STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.—The National Cap-
18 ital Service Area shall include any street (and sidewalk
19 thereof) that bounds such Area.

20 (c) AFFRONTING OR ABUTTING FEDERAL REAL
21 PROPERTY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Capital Serv-
23 ice Area shall include any Federal real property af-
24 fronting or abutting such Area as of the effective
25 date of this Act.

1 (2) PROPERTY INCLUDED.—For purposes of
2 paragraph (1), Federal real property affronting or
3 abutting the National Capital Service Area shall—

4 (A) include the Department of Housing
5 and Urban Development Building, the Depart-
6 ment of Energy Building, Fort Lesley McNair,
7 the Washington Navy Yard, the Anacostia
8 Naval Annex, the United States Naval Station,
9 Bolling Air Force Base, and the Naval Re-
10 search Laboratory; and

11 (B) not include any portion of Rock Creek
12 Park, any portion of Anacostia Park east of the
13 northern side of the Eleventh Street Bridge, or
14 any territory not located in the District of Co-
15 lumbia on the day before the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 5. TRANSITION PROVISIONS RELATING TO HOUSE OF**
18 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

19 (a) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN APPORTIONMENT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Until the taking effect of the
21 first reapportionment occurring after the effective
22 date of this Act—

23 (A) the individual serving as the Delegate
24 to the House of Representatives from the Dis-
25 trict of Columbia shall serve as a member of

1 the House of Representatives from the State of
2 Maryland;

3 (B) the State of Maryland shall be entitled
4 to 1 additional Representative until the taking
5 effect of such reapportionment; and

6 (C) such Representative shall be in addi-
7 tion to the membership of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives as now prescribed by law.

9 (2) INCREASE NOT COUNTED AGAINST TOTAL
10 NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—The temporary increase in
11 the membership of the House of Representatives
12 provided under paragraph (1) shall not operate to ei-
13 ther increase or decrease the permanent membership
14 of the House of Representatives as prescribed in the
15 Act of August 8, 1911 (37 Stat. 13; 2 U.S.C. 2),
16 nor shall such temporary increase affect the basis of
17 reapportionment established by the Act of November
18 15, 1941 (55 Stat. 761; 2 U.S.C. 2a), for the 82nd
19 Congress and each Congress thereafter.

20 (b) REPEAL OF LAWS PROVIDING FOR DELEGATE
21 FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Sections 202 and
22 204 of the District of Columbia Delegate Act (Public Law
23 91–405; sections 1–401 and 1–402, D.C. Code) are re-
24 pealed, and the provisions of law amended or repealed by

1 such sections are restored or revived as if such sections
2 had not been enacted.

3 **SEC. 6. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

4 No law or regulation which is in force on the effective
5 date of this Act shall be deemed amended or repealed by
6 this Act except to the extent specifically provided in this
7 Act, or to the extent that such law or regulation is incon-
8 sistent with this Act.

9 **SEC. 7. PROCLAMATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RET-**
10 **ROCESSION BY MARYLAND.**

11 Not later than 30 days after the State of Maryland
12 enacts legislation accepting the retrocession described in
13 section 2(a), the President shall issue a proclamation an-
14 nouncing such acceptance and declaring that the territory
15 ceded to Congress by the State of Maryland to serve as
16 the District constituting the permanent seat of the Gov-
17 ernment of the United States has been ceded back to the
18 State of Maryland.

19 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 The provisions of this Act and the amendments made
21 by this Act shall take effect on the date the President is-
22 sues a proclamation under section 7 or the date of the
23 ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the
24 United States repealing the twenty-third article of amend-
25 ment to the Constitution, whichever comes later.

