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# H. R. 1345

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2009

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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       Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO BE**  
2 **SUBJECT TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ON**  
3 **POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS APPLY TO STATE**  
4 **AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.**

5 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO**  
6 **STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.**—Section 1501(1) of title  
7 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “a State  
8 or territory” and inserting “a State, the District of Co-  
9 lumbia, or a territory”.

10 (b) **PROVISIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**  
11 **MADE INAPPLICABLE.**—Section 7322(1) of such title is  
12 amended—

13 (1) by inserting “or” at the end of subpara-  
14 graph (A);

15 (2) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
16 (B);

17 (3) by striking subparagraph (C); and

18 (4) by striking “services;” and inserting “serv-  
19 ices or an individual employed or holding office in  
20 the government of the District of Columbia;”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by this Act—

23 (1) shall take effect on the effective date of a  
24 law, enacted by the government of the District of  
25 Columbia after the date of the enactment of this  
26 Act, which places restrictions on political activities of

1 employees of the government of the District of Co-  
2 lumbia; and

3 (2) shall apply with respect to actions occurring  
4 on or after the effective date referred to in para-  
5 graph (1).

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