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Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with amendments

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AN ACT

To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of the District of Columbia under the provisions of law commonly referred to as the “Hatch Act”.

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~~2010”.

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 *(a) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO*
 11 *STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.—*

12 *(1) STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY.—Section 1501(2)*
 13 *of title 5, United States Code, is amended by insert-*
 14 *ing “, or the District of Columbia, or an agency or*
 15 *department thereof” before the semicolon.*

16 *(2) STATE OR LOCAL OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.—*
 17 *Section 1501(4) of title 5, United States Code, is*
 18 *amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting*
 19 *the following:*

20 *“(B) an individual employed by an edu-*
 21 *cational or research institution, establishment,*
 22 *agency, or system which is supported in whole or*
 23 *in part by—*

24 *“(i) a State or political subdivision*
 25 *thereof;*

26 *“(ii) the District of Columbia; or*

1 “(iii) a recognized religious, philan-
2 thropic, or cultural organization.”.

3 (3) *EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.*—Section
4 1502(c)(3) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
5 ed—

6 (A) by striking “or municipality” and in-
7 serting “, municipality, or the District of Co-
8 lumbia”; and

9 (B) by striking “or municipal” and insert-
10 ing “, municipal, or the District of Columbia”.

11 (4) *MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD OR-*
12 *DEFS.*—Section 1506(a)(2) of title 5, United States
13 Code, is amended by inserting “(or in the case of the
14 District of Columbia, in the District of Columbia)”
15 after “the same State”.

16 (b) *PROVISIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES*
17 *MADE INAPPLICABLE.*—Section 7322(1) of such title is
18 amended—

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

21 (2) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
22 (B);

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

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

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by this Act—

6 (1) shall take effect on the effective date of a
7 law, enacted by the government of the District of
8 Columbia after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, which places restrictions on political activities of
10 employees of the government of the District of Co-
11 lumbia; and

12 (2) shall apply with respect to actions occurring
13 on or after the effective date referred to in para-
14 graph (1).

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