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H. R. 157

[Report No. 111-22]

To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MARCH 2, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. GUTIERREZ

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 6, 2009]

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 *House Voting Rights Act of 2009”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS CON-**
7 **GRESSIONAL DISTRICT.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-*
9 *sion of law, the District of Columbia shall be considered*
10 *a Congressional district for purposes of representation in*
11 *the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth*
12 *Congress and each succeeding Congress.*

13 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO APPOR-*
14 *TIONMENT OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-*
15 *TIVES.—*

16 *(1) INCLUSION OF SINGLE DISTRICT OF COLUM-*
17 *BIA MEMBER IN REAPPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS*
18 *AMONG STATES.—Section 22 of the Act entitled “An*
19 *Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decen-*
20 *nal censuses and to provide for apportionment of*
21 *Representatives in Congress”, approved June 18,*
22 *1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), is amended by adding at the end*
23 *the following new subsection:*

1 “(d) *This section shall apply with respect to the Dis-*
2 *trict of Columbia in the same manner as this section ap-*
3 *plies to a State.*”.

4 (2) *CLARIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF NUM-*
5 *BER OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS ON BASIS OF 23RD*
6 *AMENDMENT.*—*Section 3 of title 3, United States*
7 *Code, is amended by striking “come into office;” and*
8 *inserting the following: “come into office (subject to*
9 *the twenty-third article of amendment to the Con-*
10 *stitution of the United States in the case of the Dis-*
11 *trict of Columbia);”.*

12 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSE OF REP-**
13 **RESENTATIVES.**

14 (a) *PERMANENT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEM-*
15 *BERS.*—*Effective with respect to the One Hundred Twelfth*
16 *Congress and each succeeding Congress, the House of Rep-*
17 *resentatives shall be composed of 437 Members, including*
18 *any Members representing the District of Columbia pursu-*
19 *ant to section 2(a).*

20 (b) *REAPPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS RESULTING*
21 *FROM INCREASE.*—

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 22(a) of the Act enti-*
23 *tled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subse-*
24 *quent decennial censuses and to provide for appor-*
25 *tionment of Representatives in Congress”, approved*

1 *June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(a)), is amended by strik-*
2 *ing “the then existing number of Representatives”*
3 *and inserting “the number of Representatives estab-*
4 *lished with respect to the One Hundred Twelfth Con-*
5 *gress”.*

6 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*
7 *paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to the regular*
8 *decennial census conducted for 2010 and each subse-*
9 *quent regular decennial census.*

10 (c) *SPECIAL RULES FOR PERIOD PRIOR TO 2012 RE-*
11 *APPORTIONMENT.*—

12 (1) *TRANSMITTAL OF REVISED STATEMENT OF*
13 *APPORTIONMENT BY PRESIDENT.*—*Not later than 30*
14 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
15 *President shall transmit to Congress the most recent*
16 *statement of apportionment submitted under section*
17 *22(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the*
18 *fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to*
19 *provide for apportionment of Representatives in Con-*
20 *gress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(a)), re-*
21 *vised to take into account this Act and the amend-*
22 *ments made by this Act.*

23 (2) *REPORT BY CLERK.*—*Not later than 15 cal-*
24 *endar days after receiving the revised version of the*
25 *statement of apportionment under paragraph (1), the*

1 *Clerk of the House of Representatives, in accordance*
2 *with section 22(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 2a(b)), shall*
3 *send to the executive of each State a certificate of the*
4 *number of Representatives to which such State is en-*
5 *titled under section 22 of such Act, and shall submit*
6 *a report to the Speaker of the House of Representa-*
7 *tives identifying the State (other than the District of*
8 *Columbia) which is entitled to one additional Rep-*
9 *resentative pursuant to this section.*

10 (3) *REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION OF ADDI-*
11 *TIONAL MEMBER.—During the One Hundred Twelfth*
12 *Congress—*

13 (A) *notwithstanding the final undesignated*
14 *paragraph of the Act entitled “An Act for the re-*
15 *lief of Doctor Ricardo Vallejo Samala and to*
16 *provide for congressional redistricting”, ap-*
17 *proved December 14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2c), the ad-*
18 *ditional Representative to which the State iden-*
19 *tified by the Clerk of the House of Representa-*
20 *tives in the report submitted under paragraph*
21 *(2) is entitled shall be elected from the State at*
22 *large; and*

23 (B) *the other Representatives to which such*
24 *State is entitled shall be elected on the basis of*

1 *the Congressional districts in effect in the State*
2 *for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.*

3 **SEC. 4. NONSEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.**

4 *If any provision of this Act, or any amendment made*
5 *by this Act, is declared or held invalid or unenforceable,*
6 *the remaining provisions of this Act and any amendment*
7 *made by this Act shall be treated and deemed invalid and*
8 *shall have no force or effect of law.*

9 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

10 *If any action is brought to challenge the constitu-*
11 *tionality of any provision of this Act or any amendment*
12 *made by this Act, the following rules shall apply:*

13 (1) *The action shall be filed in the United States*
14 *District Court for the District of Columbia and shall*
15 *be heard by a 3-judge court convened pursuant to sec-*
16 *tion 2284 of title 28, United States Code.*

17 (2) *A copy of the complaint shall be delivered*
18 *promptly to the Clerk of the House of Representatives*
19 *and the Secretary of the Senate.*

20 (3) *A final decision in the action shall be review-*
21 *able only by appeal directly to the Supreme Court of*
22 *the United States. Such appeal shall be taken by the*
23 *filing of a notice of appeal within 10 days, and the*
24 *filing of a jurisdictional statement within 30 days, of*
25 *the entry of the final decision.*

1 (4) *It shall be the duty of the United States Dis-*
2 *trict Court for the District of Columbia and the Su-*
3 *preme Court of the United States to advance on the*
4 *docket and to expedite to the greatest possible extent*
5 *the disposition of the action and appeal.*

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