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# H. R. 304

To amend title 49, United States Code, to change the membership of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority board of directors, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. MEMBERSHIP OF METROPOLITAN WASH-**  
4 **INGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DI-**  
5 **RECTORS.**

6        Section 49106(c) of title 49, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8            (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
2 (A) by striking “17 members” and inserting “9  
3 members”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (A) by striking “7  
5 members” and inserting “6 members”;

6 (C) in subparagraph (B) by striking “4  
7 members” and inserting “1 member”;

8 (D) in subparagraph (C) by striking “3  
9 members” and inserting “1 member”; and

10 (E) in subparagraph (D) by striking “3  
11 members” and inserting “1 member”;

12 (2) in paragraph (3) by striking “, except that”  
13 and all that follows through “4 years”;

14 (3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the  
15 following:

16 “(6)(A) In carrying out the duties of the board,  
17 a member appointed by the President shall ensure  
18 that adequate consideration is given to the national  
19 interest.

20 “(B) A member appointed by the President  
21 may be removed by the President for cause. A mem-  
22 ber appointed by the Mayor of the District of Co-  
23 lumbia, the Governor of Maryland, or the Governor  
24 of Virginia may be removed or suspended from office  
25 only for cause and in accordance with the laws of

1 the jurisdiction from which the member is ap-  
2 pointed.”; and

3 (4) in paragraph (7) by striking “Ten votes”  
4 and inserting “Five votes”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT OF CO-**  
6 **LUMBIA LAWS GOVERNING METROPOLITAN**  
7 **WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY MEM-**  
8 **BERSHIP.**

9 (a) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—Section 5(a) of the Dis-  
10 trict of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Act of 1985  
11 (sec. 9–904(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “13 members” and inserting “9  
13 members”;

14 (2) by striking “5 appointed by the Governor of  
15 the Commonwealth of Virginia” and inserting “6 ap-  
16 pointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of  
17 Virginia”;

18 (3) by striking “3 appointed by the Mayor” and  
19 inserting “1 appointed by the Mayor”;

20 (4) by striking “2 appointed by the Governor of  
21 the State of Maryland” and inserting “1 appointed  
22 by the Governor of the State of Maryland”; and

23 (5) by striking “3 appointed by the President”  
24 and inserting “1 appointed by the President”.

1 (b) VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF BOND  
2 ISSUES AND BUDGET.—Section 5(d) of such Act (sec. 9–  
3 904(d), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “Eight  
4 affirmative votes” and inserting “Five affirmative votes”.

5 (c) REMOVAL.—Section 5(e) of such Act (sec. 9–  
6 904(e), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(e)(1) In carrying out the duties of the board, a  
8 member appointed by the President shall ensure that ade-  
9 quate consideration is given to the national interest.

10 “(2) A member appointed by the President may be  
11 removed by the President for cause. A member appointed  
12 by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor  
13 of Maryland, or the Governor of Virginia may be removed  
14 or suspended from office only for cause and in accordance  
15 with the laws of the jurisdiction from which the member  
16 is appointed.”.

17 (d) PROHIBITING CONTINUATION OF SERVICE  
18 AFTER EXPIRATION OF TERM.—Section 5(g) of such Act  
19 (sec. 9–904(g), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking  
20 the second sentence and inserting the following: “A mem-  
21 ber shall not serve after the expiration of the member’s  
22 term(s).”.

23 **SEC. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

24 (a) TREATMENT OF CURRENT MEMBERS.—The term  
25 of an individual serving on the Metropolitan Washington

1 Airports Authority board of directors the day before the  
2 date of enactment of this Act shall expire 90 days after  
3 the date of such enactment. An individual may not be re-  
4 appointed to such board after the date of such enactment  
5 if the term of that individual expired before the date of  
6 such enactment.

7 (b) VIRGINIA MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding section  
8 49106(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, the Governor  
9 of Virginia shall appoint the first 6 individuals to the Met-  
10 ropolitan Washington Airports Authority board of direc-  
11 tors after the date of enactment of this Act for the fol-  
12 lowing terms:

- 13 (1) Two members for a term of 1 year.
- 14 (2) Two members for a term of 3 years.
- 15 (3) Two members for a term of 5 years.

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