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To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

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Rules, 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.

A BILL

To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Washington, D.C. Admission Act”.

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

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TITLE I—STATE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
Subtitle A—Procedures for Admission

SEC. 101. ADMISSION INTO THE UNION.
(a) In General.—Subject to the provisions of this Act, upon issuance of the proclamation required by section 103(b), the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth is declared to be a State of the United States of America, and is declared admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the other States in all respects whatever.

(b) Constitution of State.—The State Constitution shall always be republican in form and shall not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States and the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

SEC. 102. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS OF STATE.
(a) Issuance of Proclamation.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 30 days after receiving certification of the enactment of this Act from the President pursuant to section 302, the Mayor of the District of Columbia shall issue a proclamation for the first elections, subject to the provisions of this section, for two Senators and one Representative in Congress.

(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR ELECTION OF SENATORS.—In the election of Senators from the State pursuant to paragraph (1), the 2 Senate offices shall be separately identified and designated, and no person may be a candidate for both offices. No such identification or designation of either of the offices shall refer to or be taken to refer to the terms of such offices, or in any way impair the privilege of the Senate to determine the class to which each of the Senators elected shall be assigned.

(b) RULES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The proclamation of the Mayor issued under subsection (a) shall provide for the holding of a primary election and a general election and at such elections the officers required to be elected as provided in subsection (a) shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the District of Columbia in the manner required by law.
(2) Certification of returns.—Election returns shall be made and certified in the manner required by law, except that the Mayor shall also certify the results of such elections to the President of the United States.

(e) Assumption of Duties.—Upon the admission of the State into the Union, the Senators and Representatives elected at the election described in subsection (a) shall be entitled to be admitted to seats in Congress and to all the rights and privileges of Senators and Representatives of other States in the Congress of the United States.

(d) Transfer of Offices of Mayor and Members and Chair of Council.—Upon the admission of the State into the Union, the Mayor, members of the Council, and the Chair of the Council at the time of admission shall be deemed the Governor, members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State, respectively, as provided by the State Constitution and the laws of the State.

(e) Continuation of Authority and Duties and Judicial and Executive Officers.—Upon the admission of the State into the Union, members of executive and judicial offices of the District of Columbia shall be deemed members of the respective executive and judicial
offices of the State, as provided by the State Constitution and the laws of the State.

(f) Special Rule for House of Representatives Membership.—The State upon its admission into the Union shall be entitled to one Representative until the taking effect of the next reapportionment, and such Representative shall be in addition to the membership of the House of Representatives as prescribed by law on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, except that such temporary increase in the membership shall not operate to either increase or decrease the permanent membership of the House of Representatives or affect the basis of apportionment for the Congress.

SEC. 103. ISSUANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.

(a) In General.—The President, upon certification of the returns of the election of the officers required to be elected as provided in section 102(a), shall, not later than 90 days after receiving such certification, issue a proclamation announcing the results of such elections as so ascertained.

(b) Admission of State Upon Issuance of Proclamation.—Upon the issuance of the proclamation by the President under subsection (a), the State shall be deemed admitted into the Union as provided in section 101.
Subtitle B—Description of Washington, D.C. Territory

SEC. 111. TERRITORIES AND BOUNDARIES OF WASHINGTON, D.C..

(a) In General.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the State shall consist of all of the territory of the District of Columbia as of the date of the enactment of this Act, subject to the results of the technical survey conducted under subsection (c).

(b) Exclusion of Portion of District of Columbia Remaining as National Capital.—The territory of the State shall not include the area described in section 112, which shall remain as the District of Columbia for purposes of serving as the seat of the Government of the United States.

(c) Technical Survey.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President (in consultation with the Chair of the National Capital Planning Commission) shall conduct a technical survey of the metes and bounds of the District of Columbia and of the territory described in section 112(b).

SEC. 112. DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFTER ADMISSION OF STATE.

(a) In General.—Subject to subsection (c), after the admission of the State into the Union, the District
of Columbia shall consist of the property described in subsection (b) and shall include the principal Federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the United States Supreme Court Building, and the Federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building (as such terms are used in section 8501(a) of title 40, United States Code).

(b) Specific Description of Metes and Bounds.—After the admission of the State into the Union, the specific metes and bounds of the District of Columbia shall be as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southern right-of-way of F Street NE and the eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street NE;

(1) thence south along said eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street NE to the eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street SE;

(2) thence south along said eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street SE to its intersection with the northern property boundary of the property designated as Square 760 Lot 803;

(3) thence east along said northern property boundary of Square 760 Lot 803 to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 3rd Street SE;
(4) thence south along said western right-of-way of 3rd Street SE to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of Independence Avenue SE;

(5) thence west along said northern right-of-way of Independence Avenue SE to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street SE;

(6) thence south along said eastern right-of-way of 2nd Street SE to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of C Street SE;

(7) thence west along said southern right-of-way of C Street SE to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 1st Street SE;

(8) thence south along said eastern right-of-way of 1st Street SE to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of D Street SE;

(9) thence west along said southern right-of-way of D Street SE to its intersection with the western right-of-way of South Capitol Street;

(10) thence south along said western right-of-way of South Capitol Street to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of the northwest-bound lanes of Canal Street SE;

(11) thence southeast along said southwestern right-of-way of the northwest-bound lanes of Canal
Street SE to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of E Street SE;

(12) thence east along said southern right-of-way of said E Street SE to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 1st Street SE;

(13) thence south along said western right-of-way of 1st Street SE to its intersection with the southernmost corner of the property designated as Square 736S Lot 801.

(14) thence west along a line extended due west from said corner of said property designated as Square 736S Lot 801 to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue SE;

(15) thence southeast along said southwestern right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue SE to its intersection with the northwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue SE;

(16) thence northwest along said northwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue SE to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of South Capitol Street;

(17) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of South Capitol Street to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of E Street SE;
(18) thence west along a line extending westward said southern right-of-way of E Street SE to its intersection with the western right-of-way of South Capitol Street;

(19) thence north along said western right-of-way of South Capitol Street to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW;

(20) thence northwest along said southwestern right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW to its intersection with the southeastern boundary of the property designated as Square 640 Lot 70;

(21) thence clockwise around said boundary of said property designated as Square 640 Lot 70 to its northernmost point;

(22) thence generally northeast along a line extending the boundary of said property designated as Square 640 Lot 70 northeast to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW;

(23) thence northwest along said southwestern right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW to its intersection with a line extending northward the western boundary of the property designated as Square 582 Lot 49;
(24) thence south along said line extending northward the western boundary of said property designated as Square 582 Lot 49 to the northwestern corner of said property designated as Square 582 Lot 49;

(25) thence clockwise along the boundary of said property designated as Square 582 Lot 49 to its southwestern corner;

(26) thence west along a line extended west from said southwestern corner of said property designated as Square 582 Lot 49 to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 2nd Street SW;

(27) thence south along said western right-of-way of 2nd Street SW to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue SW;

(28) thence northwest along said southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue SW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 3rd Street SW;

(29) thence north along said western right-of-way of 3rd Street SW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of D Street SW;

(30) thence west along said northern right-of-way of D Street SW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 4th Street SW;
(31) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of 4th Street SW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of C Street SW;

(32) thence west along said northern right-of-way of C Street SW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 6th Street SW;

(33) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of 6th Street SW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of Independence Avenue SW;

(34) thence west along said northern right-of-way of Independence Avenue SW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 12th Street SW;

(35) thence south along said western right-of-way of 12th Street SW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of D Street SW;

(36) thence west along said northern right-of-way of D Street SW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 14th Street SW;

(37) thence south along said western right-of-way of 14th Street SW to its end at the southeastern corner of the property designated as Square 231 Lot 802;

(38) thence northwest along the southwest boundary of said property designated as Square 231
Lot 802 to its first intersection with a corner of the
property designated as Federal Reservation 2;

(39) thence southwest along the boundary of
said property designated as Federal Reservation 2 to
its southernmost point;

(40) thence southwest and west along the
northwestern edge of pavement of the southbound
lanes of 14th Street SW to the point where said
southbound lanes of 14th Street SW merge with the
southbound lanes of Interstate 395;

(41) thence continuing southwest along the
northwestern edge of pavement of the southbound
lanes of Interstate 395 to its intersection with the
eastern shore of the Potomac River;

(42) thence generally northwest along said east-
ern shore of the Potomac River to its intersection
with a line extending westward the northern bound-
dary of the property designated as Square 12 Lot
806;

(43) thence east along said line extending west-
ward the northern boundary of the property des-
ignated as Square 12 Lot 806 to the northern prop-
erty boundary of the property designated as Square
12 Lot 806, and continuing east along said northern
boundary of said property designated as Square 12
Lot 806 to its northeast corner;

(44) thence east along a line extending east
from said property designated as Square 12 Lot 806
to its intersection with the western boundary of the
property designated as Square 33 Lot 87;

(45) thence south along said western boundary
of the property designated as Square 33 Lot 87 to
its intersection with the northwest corner of the
property designated as Square 33 Lot 88;

(46) thence counter-clockwise around the
boundary of said property designated as Square 33
Lot 88 to its southeast corner, which it shares with
the property designated as Square 33 Lot 87;

(47) thence east along the southern boundary
of said property designated as Square 33 Lot 87 to
its southeast corner;

(48) thence south along a line running due
south from said southeast corner of the property
designated as Square 33 Lot 87 to its intersection
with the southern edge of pavement of E Street NW;

(49) thence east along said southern edge of
pavement E Street NW to its intersection with the
western right-of-way of 18th Street NW;
(50) thence south along said western right-of-way of 18th Street NW to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue NW;

(51) thence southeast along said southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue NW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of Constitution Avenue NW;

(52) thence continuing southeast along a line extending the southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue NW to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of Constitution Avenue NW;

(53) thence east along said southern right-of-way of Constitution Avenue NW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 17th Street NW;

(54) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of 17th Street NW to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of H Street NW;

(55) thence east along said southern right-of-way of H Street NW to its intersection with the northwest corner of the property designated as Square 221 Lot 35;

(56) thence counter-clockwise around the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 35 to its southeast corner, which is along the
boundary of the property designated as Square 221 Lot 37;

(57) thence counter-clockwise around the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 37 to its southwest corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 221 Lot 818;

(58) thence south along the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 818 to its southwest corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 221 Lot 809;

(59) thence south along the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 809 to its southwest corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 221 Lot 800;

(60) thence counter-clockwise along the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 800 to its southwest corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 221 Lot 810;

(61) thence counter-clockwise along the boundary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot 810 to its southwest corner, which is along the northern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;

(62) thence east along said northern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 15th Street NW;
(63) thence south along said western right-of-way of 15th Street NW to its intersection with a line extending northwest from the southern right-of-way of the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue NW north of Pershing Square;

(64) thence southeast along said line extending the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW and continuing southeast along said southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 14th Street NW;

(65) thence south along said western right-of-way of 14th Street NW to its intersection with a line extending west from the southern right-of-way of D Street NW;

(66) thence east along said line extending west from the southern right-of-way of D Street NW to the southern right-of-way of D Street NW, and continuing east along said southern right-of-way of D Street NW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 13½ Street NW;

(67) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of 13½ Street NW to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;
thence east and southeast along said southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 12th Street NW;

(69) thence south along said western right-of-way of 12th Street NW to its intersection with a line extending to the west the southern boundary of the property designated as Square 324 Lot 809;

(70) thence east along said line to the southwest corner of said property designated as Square 324 Lot 809, and continuing northeast along the southern boundary of said property designated as Square 324 Lot 809 to its eastern corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 323 Lot 802;

(71) thence east along the southern boundary of said property designated as Square 323 Lot 802 to its southeast corner, which it shares with the property designated as Square 324 Lot 808;

(72) thence counter-clockwise around the boundary of said property designated as Square 324 Lot 808 to its northeastern corner along the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;
(73) thence southeast along said southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 4th Street NW;

(74) thence north along a line extending north from said eastern right-of-way of 4th Street NW to its intersection with a line extending west from the southern right-of-way of C Street NW;

(75) thence east along said line extending west from the southern right-of-way of C Street NW to the southern right-of-way of C Street NW, and continuing east along said southern right-of-way of C Street NW to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way of 3rd Street NW;

(76) thence north along said eastern right-of-way of 3rd Street NW to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of D Street NW;

(77) thence east along said southern right-of-way of D Street NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 1st Street NW;

(78) thence south along said western right-of-way of 1st Street NW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of C Street NW;

(79) thence west along said northern right-of-way of C Street NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of 2nd Street NW;
(80) thence south along said western right-of-way of 2nd Street NW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of Constitution Avenue NW;

(81) thence east along said northern right-of-way of Constitution Avenue NW to its intersection with the northwestern right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW;

(82) thence northeast along said northwestern right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW to its intersection with the southwestern right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue NW;

(83) thence northwest along said southwestern right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue NW to its intersection with the northern right-of-way of D Street NW;

(84) thence east along said northern right-of-way of D Street NW to its intersection with the northwestern right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW;

(85) thence northeast along said northwestern right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW to its intersection with the western right-of-way of North Capitol Street;

(86) thence north along said western right-of-way of North Capitol Street to its intersection with
the southwestern right-of-way of Massachusetts Avenue NW;

(87) thence southeast along said southwestern right-of-way of Massachusetts Avenue NW to the southwestern right-of-way of Massachusetts Avenue NE;

(88) thence southeast along said southwestern right-of-way of Massachusetts Avenue NE to the southwestern right-of-way of Columbus Circle NE;

(89) thence counter-clockwise along said southwestern, then southern, southeastern, and eastern right-of-way of Columbus Circle NE to its intersection with the southern right-of-way of F Street NE; and

(90) thence east along said southern right-of-way of F Street NE to the point of beginning.

(e) EXCLUSION OF DISTRICT BUILDING.—

(1) EXCLUSION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the District of Columbia shall not be considered to include the District Building after the admission of the State into the Union.

(2) DISTRICT BUILDING DEFINED.—In paragraph (1), the term “District Building” means the John A. Wilson Building described and designated under section 601(a) of the Omnibus Spending Re-

SEC. 113. CONTINUATION OF TITLE TO LANDS AND PROPERTY.

(a) Continuation of Title to Lands of District of Columbia.—

(1) In general.—The State and its political subdivisions shall have and retain title to, or jurisdiction over, for purposes of administration and maintenance, all property, real and personal, with respect to which title or jurisdiction for purposes of administration and maintenance is held by the District of Columbia on the day before the State is admitted into the Union.

(2) Conveyance of interest in certain bridges and tunnels.—On the day before the State is admitted into the Union, the District of Columbia shall convey to the United States any and all interest of the District of Columbia in any bridge or tunnel that will connect the Commonwealth of Virginia with the District of Columbia after the admission of the State into the Union.

(b) Continuation of Federal Title to Property in State.—The United States shall have and retain title to, or jurisdiction over, for purposes of administration
and maintenance, all property in the State with respect to which the United States holds title or jurisdiction on the day before the State is admitted into the Union.

**Subtitle C—General Provisions Relating to Laws of Washington, D.C.**

**SEC. 121. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF STATE TO TAX FEDERAL PROPERTY.**

The State may not impose any taxes upon any lands or other property owned or acquired by the United States, except to the extent as Congress may permit.

**SEC. 122. EFFECT OF ADMISSION OF STATE ON CURRENT LAWS.**

(a) **Legislative Power of State.**—The legislative power of the State shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation within the State, consistent with the Constitution of the United States (including the restrictions and limitations imposed upon the States by article I, section 10) and subject to the provisions of this Act.

(b) **Treatment of Federal Laws.**—To the extent that any law of the United States applies to the States generally, the law shall have the same force and effect within the State as elsewhere in the United States, except as such law may otherwise provide.
SEC. 123. CONTINUATION OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

(a) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—

   (1) IN GENERAL.—No writ, action, indictment, cause, or proceeding pending in any court of the District of Columbia or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia shall abate by reason of the admission of the State into the Union, but shall be transferred and shall proceed within such appropriate State courts as shall be established under the State Constitution, or shall continue in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, as the nature of the case may require.

   (2) SUCCESSION OF COURTS.—The appropriate courts of the State shall be the successors of the courts of the District of Columbia as to all cases arising within the limits embraced within the jurisdiction of such courts, with full power to proceed with such cases, and award mesne or final process therein, and all files, records, indictments, and proceedings relating to any such writ, action, indictment, cause, or proceeding shall be transferred to such appropriate State courts and shall be proceeded with therein in due course of law.

(b) UNFILED PROCEEDINGS BASED ON ACTIONS PRIOR TO ADMISSION.—All civil causes of action and all criminal offenses which shall have arisen or been com-
mitted prior to the admission of the State into the Union, but as to which no writ, action, indictment, or proceeding shall be pending at the date of such admission, shall be subject to prosecution in the appropriate State courts or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in like manner, to the same extent, and with like right of appellate review, as if the State had been admitted and such State courts had been established prior to the accrual of such causes of action or the commission of such offenses.

(c) MAINTENANCE OF RIGHTS TO AND JURISDICTION OVER APPEALS.—

(1) CASES DECIDED PRIOR TO ADMISSION.— Parties shall have the same rights of appeal from and appellate review of final decisions of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in any case finally decided prior to the admission of the State into the Union, whether or not an appeal therefrom shall have been perfected prior to such admission. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States shall have the same jurisdiction in such cases as by law provided prior to the admission of the State into the Union.
(2) Cases decided after admission.—Parties shall have the same rights of appeal from and appellate review of all orders, judgments, and decrees of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and of the highest court of the State, as successor to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, in any case pending at the time of admission of the State into the Union, and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States shall have the same jurisdiction therein, as by law provided in any case arising subsequent to the admission of the State into the Union.

(3) Issuance of subsequent mandates.—Any mandate issued subsequent to the admission of the State shall be to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or a court of the State, as appropriate.

(d) Conforming amendments relating to federal courts.—Effective upon the admission of the State into the Union—

(1) section 41 of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the second column by inserting “, Washington, Douglass Commonwealth” after “District of Columbia”; and
(2) the first paragraph of section 88 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“The District of Columbia and the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth comprise one judicial district.”.

SEC. 124. UNITED STATES NATIONALITY.

No provision of this Act shall operate to confer United States nationality, to terminate nationality lawfully acquired, or to restore nationality terminated or lost under any law of the United States or under any treaty to which the United States is or was a party.

TITLE II—RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SEC. 201. CONTINUATION OF REVISED DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS SEAT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

After the admission of the State into the Union, the seat of the Government of the United States shall be the District of Columbia as described in section 112.

SEC. 202. TREATMENT OF MILITARY LANDS.

(a) Reservation of Federal Authority.—

(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2) and subsection (b) and notwithstanding the admission of the State into the Union, authority is reserved in the United States for the exercise by Con-
gress of the power of exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever over such tracts or parcels of land located within the State that, immediately prior to the admission of the State, are controlled or owned by the United States and held for defense or Coast Guard purposes.

(2) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The power of exclusive legislation described in paragraph (1) shall vest and remain in the United States only so long as the particular tract or parcel of land involved is controlled or owned by the United States and used for defense or Coast Guard purposes.

(b) AUTHORITY OF STATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The reservation of authority in the United States for the exercise by the Congress of the United States of the power of exclusive legislation over military lands under subsection (a) shall not operate to prevent such lands from being a part of the State, or to prevent the State from exercising over or upon such lands, concurrently with the United States, any jurisdiction which it would have in the absence of such reservation of authority and which is consistent with the laws hereafter enacted by Congress pursuant to such reservation of authority.
(2) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—The State shall have the right to serve civil or criminal process within such tracts or parcels of land in which the authority of the United States is reserved under subsection (a) in suits or prosecutions for or on account of rights acquired, obligations incurred, or crimes committed within the State but outside of such tracts or parcels of land.

SEC. 203. WAIVER OF CLAIMS TO FEDERAL LANDS AND PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As a compact with the United States, the State and its people disclaim all right and title to any lands or other property not granted or confirmed to the State or its political subdivisions by or under the authority of this Act, the right or title to which is held by the United States or subject to disposition by the United States.

(b) EFFECT ON CLAIMS AGAINST UNITED STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing contained in this Act shall recognize, deny, enlarge, impair, or otherwise affect any claim against the United States, and any such claim shall be governed by applicable laws of the United States.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act is intended or shall be construed as a finding,
interpretation, or construction by the Congress that any applicable law authorizes, establishes, recognizes, or confirms the validity or invalidity of any claim referred to in paragraph (1), and the determination of the applicability or effect of any law to any such claim shall be unaffected by anything in this Act.

SEC. 204. PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN NEW SEAT OF GOVERNMENT TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN STATE OF MOST RECENT DOMICILE.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR STATES TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall—

(A) permit absent District of Columbia voters to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for Federal office; and

(B) accept and process, with respect to any general, special, primary, or runoff election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration application from an absent District of Columbia voter, if the application is received by
the appropriate State election official not less
than 30 days before the election.

(2) Absent District of Columbia voter de-
fined.—In this section, the term “absent District
of Columbia voter” means, with respect to a State,
a person who resides in the District of Columbia
after the admission of the State of Washington, D.C.
into the Union and is qualified to vote in the State
(or who would be qualified to vote in the State but
for residing in the District of Columbia), but only if
the State is the last place in which the person was
domiciled before residing in the District of Colum-
bia.

(3) State defined.—In this section, the term
“State” means each of the several States, including
the State of Washington, D.C.

(b) Recommendations to States to Maximize
Access to Polls by Absent District of Columbia
Voters.—To afford maximum access to the polls by ab-
sent District of Columbia voters, it is the sense of Con-
gress that the States should—

(1) waive registration requirements for absent
District of Columbia voters who, by reason of resi-
dence in the District of Columbia, do not have an
opportunity to register;
(2) expedite processing of balloting materials with respect to such individuals; and

(3) assure that absentee ballots are mailed to such individuals at the earliest opportunity.

c) **ENFORCEMENT.**—The Attorney General may bring a civil action in appropriate district court of the United States for such declaratory or injunctive relief as may be necessary to carry out this section.

d) **Effect on Certain Other Laws.**—The exercise of any right under this section shall not affect, for purposes of any Federal, State, or local tax, the residence or domicile of a person exercising such right.

e) **Effective Date.**—This section shall take effect upon the date of the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union, and shall apply with respect to elections for Federal office taking place on or after such date.

**SEC. 205. REPEAL OF LAW PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.**

(a) **In General.**—Chapter 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking section 21; and

(2) in the table of sections, by striking the item relating to section 21.
(b) **Effective Date.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect upon the date of the admission of the State into the Union, and shall apply to any election of the President and Vice-President of the United States taking place on or after such date.

**SEC. 206. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPEALING 23RD AMENDMENT.**

(a) **Joint Resolution Described.**—In this section, the term “joint resolution” means a joint resolution—

(1) entitled “A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the 23rd article of amendment”; and

(2) the matter after the resolving clause of which consists solely of text to amend the Constitution of the United States to repeal the 23rd article of amendment to the Constitution.

(b) **Expeditied Consideration in House of Representatives.**—

(1) **Placement on Calendar.**—Upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the joint resolution shall be placed immediately on the appropriate calendar.

(2) **Proceeding to Consideration.**—
(A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be in order, not later than 30 legislative days after the date the joint resolution is introduced in the House of Representatives, to move to proceed to consider the joint resolution in the House of Representatives.

(B) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to proceed to consider the joint resolution—

(i) all points of order against the motion are waived;

(ii) such a motion shall not be in order after the House of Representatives has disposed of a motion to proceed on the joint resolution;

(iii) the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion;

(iv) the motion shall not be debatable; and

(v) a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disposed of shall not be in order.

(3) CONSIDERATION.—When the House of Representatives proceeds to consideration of the joint resolution—
(A) the joint resolution shall be considered as read;

(B) all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration are waived;

(C) the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to its passage without intervening motion except 10 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent;

(D) an amendment to the joint resolution shall not be in order; and

(E) a motion to reconsider the vote on passage of the joint resolution shall not be in order.

(e) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

(1) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon introduction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be placed immediately on the calendar.

(2) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order, not later than 30 legislative days after the date the joint resolution is introduced in the Senate (even though a previous motion to the
same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution.

(B) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution—

(i) all points of order against the motion are waived;

(ii) the motion is not debatable;

(iii) the motion is not subject to a motion to postpone;

(iv) a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order; and

(v) if the motion is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain the unfinished business until disposed of.

(3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Senate proceeds to consideration of the joint resolution—

(i) all points of order against the joint resolution (and against consideration of the joint resolution) are waived;

(ii) consideration of the joint resolution, and all debatable motions and appeals
in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 30 hours, which shall be divided equally between the majority and minority leaders or their designees;

(iii) a motion further to limit debate is in order and not debatable;

(iv) an amendment to, a motion to postpone, or a motion to commit the joint resolution is not in order; and

(v) a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business is not in order.

(B) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—In the Senate the vote on passage shall occur immediately following the conclusion of the consideration of the joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

(C) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of this subsection or the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to the joint resolution shall be decided without debate.

(d) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—
(1) **Coordinating with Action by Other House.**—If, before the passage by one House of the joint resolution of that House, that House receives from the other House the joint resolution—

(A) the joint resolution of the other House shall not be referred to a committee; and

(B) with respect to the joint resolution of the House receiving the resolution—

(i) the procedure in that House shall be the same as if no joint resolution had been received from the other House; and

(ii) the vote on passage shall be on the joint resolution of the other House.

(2) **Treatment of Joint Resolution of Other House.**—If one House fails to introduce or consider the joint resolution under this section, the joint resolution of the other House shall be entitled to expedited floor procedures under this section.

(3) **Treatment of Companion Measures.**—If, following passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, the Senate receives the companion measure from the House of Representatives, the companion measure shall not be debatable.

(4) **Vetoes.**—If the President vetoes the joint resolution, consideration of a veto message in the
Senate under this section shall be not more than 10 hours equally divided between the majority and minority leaders or their designees.

(e) Rules of House of Representatives and Senate.—This section is enacted by Congress—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules of each House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in that House in the case of the joint resolution, and supersede other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

(2) The term “Governor” means the Governor of the State of Washington, D.C.

(3) The term “Mayor” means the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

(4) Except as otherwise provided, the term “State” means the State of Washington, D.C.

(5) The term “State Constitution” means the proposed Constitution of the State of Washington, D.C., as approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on October 18, 2016, pursuant to the Constitution and Boundaries for the State of Washington, D.C. Approval Resolution of 2016 (D.C. Resolution R21–621), and ratified by District of Columbia voters in Advisory Referendum B approved on November 8, 2016, and certified by the District of Columbia Board of Elections on November 18, 2016.


SEC. 302. CERTIFICATION OF ENACTMENT BY PRESIDENT.

Not more than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall certify such enactment to the Mayor of the District of Columbia.