

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5125
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 Judicial Nominations Reform Act of 2025”.

4 SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUDI-
5 CIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION.

6 (a) TERMINATION.—The District of Columbia Home
7 Rule Act is amended by striking section 434 (sec. 1–
8 204.34, D.C. Official Code).

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AP-
10 POINTMENT OF JUDGES.—

11 (1) DESIGNATION OF CHIEF JUDGES BY PRESI-
12 DENT.—Section 431(b) of such Act (sec. 1–
13 204.31(b), D.C. Official Code) is amended by strik-
14 ing “the District of Columbia Judicial Nominating
15 Commission established by section 434” and insert-
16 ing “the President”.

17 (2) APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT.—Section
18 433(a) of such Act (sec. 1–204.33(a), D.C. Official

1 Code) is amended by striking “Except as provided in
2 section 434(d)(1), the President shall nominate,
3 from the list of persons recommended to him by the
4 District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commis-
5 sion established under section 434,” and inserting
6 “The President shall nominate,”.

7 (3) QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGES.—Section
8 433(b) of such Act (sec. 1–204.33(b), D.C. Official
9 Code) is amended—

10 (A) by adding “and” at the end of para-
11 graph (3);

12 (B) by striking paragraph (4) and redesignig-
13 nating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4); and

14 (C) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,
15 by striking “or of the District of Columbia Ju-
16 dicial Nomination Commission”.

17 (c) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 11–
18 1528(a)(2), District of Columbia Official Code, is amend-
19 ed by striking subparagraph (C).

20 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
21 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act is amended
22 by striking the item relating to section 434.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to appointments made
3 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

