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H. R. 5712

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2021

Mr. DAVIDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Drain the Swamp Act
5 of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. RELOCATION OF AGENCY HEADQUARTERS.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF HEADQUARTERS LOCATION RE-
8 QUIREMENT.—Section 72 of title 4, United States Code,
9 is repealed.

10 (b) HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
2 30, 2022, the head of each executive agency shall
3 develop and submit to Congress a plan for the relo-
4 cation of the headquarters of that agency outside of
5 the Washington metropolitan area.

6 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan described in
7 paragraph (1) shall—

8 (A) identify a location for a new head-
9 quarters outside of the Washington metropoli-
10 tan area;

11 (B) maximize any potential cost savings
12 associated with the relocation;

13 (C) provide that, upon implementation of
14 the plan, no more than 10 percent of the em-
15 ployees of the agency are based in the Wash-
16 ington metropolitan area; and

17 (D) consider any potential national secu-
18 rity implications of the relocation.

19 (3) CERTIFICATION.—Prior to the submission
20 of a plan under paragraph (1), the Director of the
21 Office of Management and Budget and the Adminis-
22 trator of General Services shall certify the compli-
23 ance of the plan with the provisions of this section
24 if the plan meets the requirements described in
25 paragraph (2).

1 (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than Sep-
2 tember 30, 2026, the head of each executive agency
3 shall implement the plan for such agency submitted
4 under paragraph (1).

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

6 (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
7 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive
8 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States
9 Code, except that the term does not include the Ex-
10 ecutive Office of the President.

11 (2) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—The
12 term “Washington metropolitan area” means the ge-
13 ographic area located within the boundaries of—

14 (A) the District of Columbia;

15 (B) Montgomery and Prince George’s
16 Counties in the State of Maryland; and

17 (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and
18 Prince William Counties and the City of Alex-
19 andria in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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