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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.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Washington, D.C. Admission Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—STATE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Subtitle A—Procedures for Admission

Sec. 101. Admission into the Union.
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Sec. 111. Territories and boundaries of Washington, D.C..
Sec. 112. Description of District of Columbia after admission of State.
Sec. 113. Continuation of title to lands and property.

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Sec. 121. Limitation on authority of State to tax Federal property.
Sec. 122. Effect of admission of State on current laws.
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- Sec. 201. Continuation of revised District of Columbia as seat of Federal Government.
- Sec. 202. Treatment of military lands.
- Sec. 203. Waiver of claims to Federal lands and property.
- Sec. 204. Permitting individuals residing in new seat of government to vote in Federal elections in State of most recent domicile.
- Sec. 205. Repeal of law providing for participation of District of Columbia in election of President and Vice-President.
- Sec. 206. Expedited procedures for consideration of constitutional amendment repealing 23rd Amendment.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 301. General definitions.
- Sec. 302. Certification of enactment by President.

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 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 30 days after
2 receiving certification of the enactment of this Act
3 from the President pursuant to section 302, the
4 Mayor of the District of Columbia shall issue a proc-
5 lamation for the first elections, subject to the provi-
6 sions of this section, for two Senators and one Rep-
7 resentative in Congress.

8 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR ELECTION OF SEN-
9 ATORS.—In the election of Senators from the State
10 pursuant to paragraph (1), the 2 Senate offices shall
11 be separately identified and designated, and no per-
12 son may be a candidate for both offices. No such
13 identification or designation of either of the offices
14 shall refer to or be taken to refer to the terms of
15 such offices, or in any way impair the privilege of
16 the Senate to determine the class to which each of
17 the Senators elected shall be assigned.

18 (b) RULES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The proclamation of the
20 Mayor issued under subsection (a) shall provide for
21 the holding of a primary election and a general elec-
22 tion and at such elections the officers required to be
23 elected as provided in subsection (a) shall be chosen
24 by the qualified electors of the District of Columbia
25 in the manner required by law.

1 (2) CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS.—Election re-
2 turns shall be made and certified in the manner re-
3 quired by law, except that the Mayor shall also cer-
4 tify the results of such elections to the President of
5 the United States.

6 (c) ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES.—Upon the admission
7 of the State into the Union, the Senators and Representa-
8 tive elected at the election described in subsection (a) shall
9 be entitled to be admitted to seats in Congress and to all
10 the rights and privileges of Senators and Representatives
11 of other States in the Congress of the United States.

12 (d) TRANSFER OF OFFICES OF MAYOR AND MEM-
13 BERS AND CHAIR OF COUNCIL.—Upon the admission of
14 the State into the Union, the Mayor, members of the
15 Council, and the Chair of the Council at the time of admis-
16 sion shall be deemed the Governor, members of the Legis-
17 lative Assembly, and the Speaker of the Legislative As-
18 sembly of the State, respectively, as provided by the State
19 Constitution and the laws of the State.

20 (e) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY AND DUTIES AND
21 JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—Upon the admis-
22 sion of the State into the Union, members of executive
23 and judicial offices of the District of Columbia shall be
24 deemed members of the respective executive and judicial

1 offices of the State, as provided by the State Constitution
2 and the laws of the State.

3 (f) SPECIAL RULE FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
4 TIVES MEMBERSHIP.—The State upon its admission into
5 the Union shall be entitled to one Representative until the
6 taking effect of the next reapportionment, and such Rep-
7 resentative shall be in addition to the membership of the
8 House of Representatives as prescribed by law on the day
9 before the date of enactment of this Act, except that such
10 temporary increase in the membership shall not operate
11 to either increase or decrease the permanent membership
12 of the House of Representatives or affect the basis of ap-
13 portionment for the Congress.

14 **SEC. 103. ISSUANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.**

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

21 (b) ADMISSION OF STATE UPON ISSUANCE OF PROC-
22 LAMATION.—Upon the issuance of the proclamation by the
23 President under subsection (a), the State shall be deemed
24 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

1 of Columbia shall consist of the property described in sub-
2 section (b) and shall include the principal Federal monu-
3 ments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the United
4 States Supreme Court Building, and the Federal execu-
5 tive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adja-
6 cent to the Mall and the Capitol Building (as such terms
7 are used in section 8501(a) of title 40, United States
8 Code).

9 (b) SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF METES AND
10 BOUNDS.—After the admission of the State into the
11 Union, the specific metes and bounds of the District of
12 Columbia shall be as follows: Beginning at the intersection
13 of the southern right-of-way of F Street NE and the east-
14 ern right-of-way of 2nd Street NE;

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

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

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

1 (4) thence south along said western right-of-
2 way of 3rd Street SE to its intersection with the
3 northern right-of-way of Independence Avenue SE;

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

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

10 (7) thence west along said southern right-of-
11 way of C Street SE to its intersection with the east-
12 ern right-of-way of 1st Street SE;

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

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

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

23 (11) thence southeast along said southwestern
24 right-of-way of the northwest-bound lanes of Canal

1 Street SE to its intersection with the southern right-
2 of-way of E Street SE;

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

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

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

15 (15) thence southeast along said southwestern
16 right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue SE to its inter-
17 section with the northwestern right-of-way of Vir-
18 ginia Avenue SE;

19 (16) thence northwest along said northwestern
20 right-of-way of Virginia Avenue SE to its intersec-
21 tion with the eastern right-of-way of South Capitol
22 Street;

23 (17) thence north along said eastern right-of-
24 way of South Capitol Street to its intersection with
25 the southern right-of-way of E Street SE;

1 (18) thence west along a line extending west-
2 ward said southern right-of-way of E Street SE to
3 its intersection with the western right-of-way of
4 South Capitol Street;

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

9 (20) thence northwest along said southwestern
10 right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW to its inter-
11 section with the southeastern boundary of the prop-
12 erty designated as Square 640 Lot 70;

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

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

21 (23) thence northwest along said southwestern
22 right-of-way of Washington Avenue SW to its inter-
23 section with a line extending northward the western
24 boundary of the property designated as Square 582
25 Lot 49;

1 (24) thence south along said line extending
2 northward the western boundary of said property
3 designated as Square 582 Lot 49 to the north-
4 western corner of said property designated as
5 Square 582 Lot 49;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (30) thence west along said northern right-of-
23 way of D Street SW to its intersection with the east-
24 ern right-of-way of 4th Street SW;

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (37) thence south along said western right-of-
20 way of 14th Street SW to its end at the south-
21 eastern corner of the property designated as Square
22 231 Lot 802;

23 (38) thence northwest along the southwest
24 boundary of said property designated as Square 231

1 Lot 802 to its first intersection with a corner of the
2 property designated as Federal Reservation 2;

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

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

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

15 (42) thence generally northwest along said east-
16 ern shore of the Potomac River to its intersection
17 with a line extending westward the northern bound-
18 ary of the property designated as Square 12 Lot
19 806;

20 (43) thence east along said line extending west-
21 ward the northern boundary of the property des-
22 ignated as Square 12 Lot 806 to the northern prop-
23 erty boundary of the property designated as Square
24 12 Lot 806, and continuing east along said northern

1 boundary of said property designated as Square 12
2 Lot 806 to its northeast corner;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (49) thence east along said southern edge of
23 pavement E Street NW to its intersection with the
24 western right-of-way of 18th Street NW;

1 (50) thence south along said western right-of-
2 way of 18th Street NW to its intersection with the
3 southwestern right-of-way of Virginia Avenue NW;

4 (51) thence southeast along said southwestern
5 right-of-way of Virginia Avenue NW to its intersec-
6 tion with the northern right-of-way of Constitution
7 Avenue NW;

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

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

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

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

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

1 boundary of the property designated as Square 221
2 Lot 37;

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

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

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

15 (60) thence counter-clockwise along the bound-
16 ary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot
17 800 to its southwest corner, which it shares with the
18 property designated as Square 221 Lot 810;

19 (61) thence counter-clockwise along the bound-
20 ary of said property designated as Square 221 Lot
21 810 to its southwest corner, which is along the
22 northern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;

23 (62) thence east along said northern right-of-
24 way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersection
25 with the western right-of-way of 15th Street NW;

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

6 (64) thence southeast along said line extending
7 the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue
8 NW to the southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania
9 Avenue NW and continuing southeast along said
10 southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW
11 to its intersection with the western right-of-way of
12 14th Street NW;

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

17 (66) thence east along said line extending west
18 from the southern right-of-way of D Street NW to
19 the southern right-of-way of D Street NW, and con-
20 tinuing east along said southern right-of-way of D
21 Street NW to its intersection with the eastern right-
22 of-way of 13½ Street NW;

23 (67) thence north along said eastern right-of-
24 way of 13½ Street NW to its intersection with the
25 southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;

1 (68) thence east and southeast along said
2 southern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW
3 to its intersection with the western right-of-way of
4 12th Street NW;

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

9 (70) thence east along said line to the south-
10 west corner of said property designated as Square
11 324 Lot 809, and continuing northeast along the
12 southern boundary of said property designated as
13 Square 324 Lot 809 to its eastern corner, which it
14 shares with the property designated as Square 323
15 Lot 802;

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

20 (72) thence counter-clockwise around the
21 boundary of said property designated as Square 324
22 Lot 808 to its northeastern corner along the south-
23 ern right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW;

1 (73) thence southeast along said southern right-
2 of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to its intersec-
3 tion with the eastern right-of-way of 4th Street NW;

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

8 (75) thence east along said line extending west
9 from the southern right-of-way of C Street NW to
10 the southern right-of-way of C Street NW, and con-
11 tinuing east along said southern right-of-way of C
12 Street NW to its intersection with the eastern right-
13 of-way of 3rd Street NW;

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

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

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

23 (79) thence west along said northern right-of-
24 way of C Street NW to its intersection with the
25 western right-of-way of 2nd Street NW;

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

4 (81) thence east along said northern right-of-
5 way of Constitution Avenue NW to its intersection
6 with the northwestern right-of-way of Louisiana Av-
7 enue NW;

8 (82) thence northeast along said northwestern
9 right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW to its inter-
10 section with the southwestern right-of-way of New
11 Jersey Avenue NW;

12 (83) thence northwest along said southwestern
13 right-of-way of New Jersey Avenue NW to its inter-
14 section with the northern right-of-way of D Street
15 NW;

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

19 (85) thence northeast along said northwestern
20 right-of-way of Louisiana Avenue NW to its inter-
21 section with the western right-of-way of North Cap-
22 itol Street;

23 (86) thence north along said western right-of-
24 way of North Capitol Street to its intersection with

1 the southwestern right-of-way of Massachusetts Ave-
2 nue NW;

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

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

10 (89) thence counter-clockwise along said south-
11 western, then southern, southeastern, and eastern
12 right-of-way of Columbus Circle NE to its intersec-
13 tion with the southern right-of way of F Street NE;
14 and

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

17 (c) EXCLUSION OF DISTRICT BUILDING.—

18 (1) EXCLUSION.—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of this section, the District of Columbia
20 shall not be considered to include the District Build-
21 ing after the admission of the State into the Union.

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

1 duction Act of 1993 (sec. 10–1301(a), D.C. Official
2 Code).

3 **SEC. 113. CONTINUATION OF TITLE TO LANDS AND PROP-**
4 **ERTY.**

5 (a) CONTINUATION OF TITLE TO LANDS OF DIS-
6 TRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State and its political
8 subdivisions shall have and retain title to, or juris-
9 diction over, for purposes of administration and
10 maintenance, all property, real and personal, with
11 respect to which title or jurisdiction for purposes of
12 administration and maintenance is held by the Dis-
13 trict of Columbia on the day before the State is ad-
14 mitted into the Union.

15 (2) CONVEYANCE OF INTEREST IN CERTAIN
16 BRIDGES AND TUNNELS.—On the day before the
17 State is admitted into the Union, the District of Co-
18 lumbia shall convey to the United States any and all
19 interest of the District of Columbia in any bridge or
20 tunnel that will connect the Commonwealth of Vir-
21 ginia with the District of Columbia after the admis-
22 sion of the State into the Union.

23 (b) CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL TITLE TO PROP-
24 ERTY IN STATE.—The United States shall have and retain
25 title to, or jurisdiction over, for purposes of administration

1 and maintenance, all property in the State with respect
2 to which the United States holds title or jurisdiction on
3 the day before the State is admitted into the Union.

4 **Subtitle C—General Provisions Re-**
5 **lating to Laws of Washington,**
6 **D.C.**

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

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

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

14 (a) **LEGISLATIVE POWER OF STATE.**—The legislative
15 power of the State shall extend to all rightful subjects of
16 legislation within the State, consistent with the Constitu-
17 tion of the United States (including the restrictions and
18 limitations imposed upon the States by article I, section
19 10) and subject to the provisions of this Act.

20 (b) **TREATMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS.**—To the extent
21 that any law of the United States applies to the States
22 generally, the law shall have the same force and effect
23 within the State as elsewhere in the United States, except
24 as such law may otherwise provide.

1 **SEC. 123. CONTINUATION OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.**

2 (a) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—

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

13 (2) SUCCESSION OF COURTS.—The appropriate
14 courts of the State shall be the successors of the
15 courts of the District of Columbia as to all cases
16 arising within the limits embraced within the juris-
17 diction of such courts, with full power to proceed
18 with such cases, and award mesne or final process
19 therein, and all files, records, indictments, and pro-
20 ceedings relating to any such writ, action, indict-
21 ment, cause, or proceeding shall be transferred to
22 such appropriate State courts and shall be proceeded
23 with therein in due course of law.

24 (b) UNFILED PROCEEDINGS BASED ON ACTIONS
25 PRIOR TO ADMISSION.—All civil causes of action and all
26 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 Co-
lumbia 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 ad-
mission. 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 admis-
sion of the State into the Union.

1 (2) CASES DECIDED AFTER ADMISSION.—Par-
2 ties shall have the same rights of appeal from and
3 appellate review of all orders, judgments, and de-
4 crees of the United States District Court for the
5 District of Columbia and of the highest court of the
6 State, as successor to the District of Columbia
7 Court of Appeals, in any case pending at the time
8 of admission of the State into the Union, and the
9 United States Court of Appeals for the District of
10 Columbia Circuit and the Supreme Court of the
11 United States shall have the same jurisdiction there-
12 in, as by law provided in any case arising subsequent
13 to the admission of the State into the Union.

14 (3) ISSUANCE OF SUBSEQUENT MANDATES.—
15 Any mandate issued subsequent to the admission of
16 the State shall be to the United States District
17 Court for the District of Columbia or a court of the
18 State, as appropriate.

19 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO FED-
20 ERAL COURTS.—Effective upon the admission of the State
21 into the Union—

22 (1) section 41 of title 28, United States Code,
23 is amended in the second column by inserting “,
24 Washington, Douglass Commonwealth” after “Dis-
25 trict of Columbia”; and

1 (2) the first paragraph of section 88 of title 28,
2 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

6 **SEC. 124. UNITED STATES NATIONALITY.**

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

12 **TITLE II—RESPONSIBILITIES**
13 **AND INTERESTS OF FEDERAL**
14 **GOVERNMENT**

15 **SEC. 201. CONTINUATION OF REVISED DISTRICT OF CO-**
16 **LUMBIA AS SEAT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

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

20 **SEC. 202. TREATMENT OF MILITARY LANDS.**

21 (a) RESERVATION OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
23 and subsection (b) and notwithstanding the admis-
24 sion of the State into the Union, authority is re-
25 served in the United States for the exercise by Con-

1 gress of the power of exclusive legislation in all cases
2 whatsoever over such tracts or parcels of land lo-
3 cated within the State that, immediately prior to the
4 admission of the State, are controlled or owned by
5 the United States and held for defense or Coast
6 Guard purposes.

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

13 (b) AUTHORITY OF STATE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The reservation of authority
15 in the United States for the exercise by the Congress
16 of the United States of the power of exclusive legis-
17 lation over military lands under subsection (a) shall
18 not operate to prevent such lands from being a part
19 of the State, or to prevent the State from exercising
20 over or upon such lands, concurrently with the
21 United States, any jurisdiction which it would have
22 in the absence of such reservation of authority and
23 which is consistent with the laws hereafter enacted
24 by Congress pursuant to such reservation of author-
25 ity.

1 (2) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—The State shall
2 have the right to serve civil or criminal process with-
3 in such tracts or parcels of land in which the author-
4 ity of the United States is reserved under subsection
5 (a) in suits or prosecutions for or on account of
6 rights acquired, obligations incurred, or crimes com-
7 mitted within the State but outside of such tracts or
8 parcels of land.

9 **SEC. 203. WAIVER OF CLAIMS TO FEDERAL LANDS AND**
10 **PROPERTY.**

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

18 (b) EFFECT ON CLAIMS AGAINST UNITED STATES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing contained in this
20 Act shall recognize, deny, enlarge, impair, or other-
21 wise affect any claim against the United States, and
22 any such claim shall be governed by applicable laws
23 of the United States.

24 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
25 Act is intended or shall be construed as a finding,

1 interpretation, or construction by the Congress that
2 any applicable law authorizes, establishes, recog-
3 nizes, or confirms the validity or invalidity of any
4 claim referred to in paragraph (1), and the deter-
5 mination of the applicability or effect of any law to
6 any such claim shall be unaffected by anything in
7 this Act.

8 **SEC. 204. PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN NEW**
9 **SEAT OF GOVERNMENT TO VOTE IN FEDERAL**
10 **ELECTIONS IN STATE OF MOST RECENT**
11 **DOMICILE.**

12 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR STATES TO PERMIT INDIVID-
13 UALS TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall—

15 (A) permit absent District of Columbia
16 voters to use absentee registration procedures
17 and to vote by absentee ballot in general, spe-
18 cial, primary, and runoff elections for Federal
19 office; and

20 (B) accept and process, with respect to any
21 general, special, primary, or runoff election for
22 Federal office, any otherwise valid voter reg-
23 istration application from an absent District of
24 Columbia voter, if the application is received by

1 the appropriate State election official not less
2 than 30 days before the election.

3 (2) ABSENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOTER DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “absent District
5 of Columbia voter” means, with respect to a State,
6 a person who resides in the District of Columbia
7 after the admission of the State of Washington, D.C.
8 into the Union and is qualified to vote in the State
9 (or who would be qualified to vote in the State but
10 for residing in the District of Columbia), but only if
11 the State is the last place in which the person was
12 domiciled before residing in the District of Colum-
13 bia.

14 (3) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
15 “State” means each of the several States, including
16 the State of Washington, D.C.

17 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATES TO MAXIMIZE
18 ACCESS TO POLLS BY ABSENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
19 VOTERS.—To afford maximum access to the polls by ab-
20 sent District of Columbia voters, it is the sense of Con-
21 gress that the States should—

22 (1) waive registration requirements for absent
23 District of Columbia voters who, by reason of resi-
24 dence in the District of Columbia, do not have an
25 opportunity to register;

1 (2) expedite processing of balloting materials
2 with respect to such individuals; and

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

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

9 (d) EFFECT ON CERTAIN OTHER LAWS.—The exer-
10 cise of any right under this section shall not affect, for
11 purposes of any Federal, State, or local tax, the residence
12 or domicile of a person exercising such right.

13 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
14 upon the date of the admission of the State of Wash-
15 ington, D.C. into the Union, and shall apply with respect
16 to elections for Federal office taking place on or after such
17 date.

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

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 3, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by striking section 21; and

24 (2) in the table of sections, by striking the item
25 relating to section 21.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 2 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the date of the admis-
 3 sion of the State into the Union, and shall apply to any
 4 election of the President and Vice-President of the United
 5 States taking place on or after such date.

6 **SEC. 206. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION**
 7 **OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPEAL-**
 8 **ING 23RD AMENDMENT.**

9 (a) JOINT RESOLUTION DESCRIBED.—In this sec-
 10 tion, the term “joint resolution” means a joint resolu-
 11 tion—

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

15 (2) the matter after the resolving clause of
 16 which consists solely of text to amend the Constitu-
 17 tion of the United States to repeal the 23rd article
 18 of amendment to the Constitution.

19 (b) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
 20 RESENTATIVES.—

21 (1) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon intro-
 22 duction in the House of Representatives, the joint
 23 resolution shall be placed immediately on the appro-
 24 priate calendar.

25 (2) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be in order, not
2 later than 30 legislative days after the date the
3 joint resolution is introduced in the House of
4 Representatives, to move to proceed to consider
5 the joint resolution in the House of Representa-
6 tives.

7 (B) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to pro-
8 ceed to consider the joint resolution—

9 (i) all points of order against the mo-
10 tion are waived;

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

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

18 (iv) the motion shall not be debatable;
19 and

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

23 (3) CONSIDERATION.—When the House of Rep-
24 resentatives proceeds to consideration of the joint
25 resolution—

1 (A) the joint resolution shall be considered
2 as read;

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

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

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

13 (E) a motion to reconsider the vote on pas-
14 sage of the joint resolution shall not be in
15 order.

16 (c) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

17 (1) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon intro-
18 duction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be
19 placed immediately on the calendar.

20 (2) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding rule
22 XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is
23 in order, not later than 30 legislative days after
24 the date the joint resolution is introduced in the
25 Senate (even though a previous motion to the

1 same effect has been disagreed to) to move to
2 proceed to the consideration of the joint resolu-
3 tion.

4 (B) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to pro-
5 ceed to the consideration of the joint resolu-
6 tion—

7 (i) all points of order against the mo-
8 tion are waived;

9 (ii) the motion is not debatable;

10 (iii) the motion is not subject to a mo-
11 tion to postpone;

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

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

18 (3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

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

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

24 (ii) consideration of the joint resolu-
25 tion, and all debatable motions and appeals

1 in connection therewith, shall be limited to
 2 not more than 30 hours, which shall be di-
 3 vided equally between the majority and mi-
 4 nority leaders or their designees;

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

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

10 (v) a motion to proceed to the consid-
 11 eration of other business is not in order.

12 (B) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—In the Senate the
 13 vote on passage shall occur immediately fol-
 14 lowing the conclusion of the consideration of the
 15 joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the
 16 conclusion of the debate if requested in accord-
 17 ance with the rules of the Senate.

18 (C) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
 19 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
 20 relating to the application of this subsection or
 21 the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to
 22 the procedure relating to the joint resolution
 23 shall be decided without debate.

24 (d) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF
 25 REPRESENTATIVES.—

1 (1) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
2 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one House of the
3 joint resolution of that House, that House receives
4 from the other House the joint resolution—

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

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

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

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

14 (2) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF
15 OTHER HOUSE.—If one House fails to introduce or
16 consider the joint resolution under this section, the
17 joint resolution of the other House shall be entitled
18 to expedited floor procedures under this section.

19 (3) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—
20 If, following passage of the joint resolution in the
21 Senate, the Senate receives the companion measure
22 from the House of Representatives, the companion
23 measure shall not be debatable.

24 (4) VETOES.—If the President vetoes the joint
25 resolution, consideration of a veto message in the

1 Senate under this section shall be not more than 10
2 hours equally divided between the majority and mi-
3 nority leaders or their designees.

4 (e) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
5 SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

6 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
7 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
8 tively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules of
9 each House, respectively, but applicable only with re-
10 spect to the procedure to be followed in that House
11 in the case of the joint resolution, and supersede
12 other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent
13 with such rules; and

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

19 **TITLE III—GENERAL**
20 **PROVISIONS**

21 **SEC. 301. GENERAL DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

23 (1) The term “Council” means the Council of
24 the District of Columbia.

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

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

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

7 (5) The term “State Constitution” means the
8 proposed Constitution of the State of Washington,
9 D.C., as approved by the Council of the District of
10 Columbia on October 18, 2016, pursuant to the
11 Constitution and Boundaries for the State of Wash-
12 ington, D.C. Approval Resolution of 2016 (D.C.
13 Resolution R21–621), and ratified by District of Co-
14 lumbia voters in Advisory Referendum B approved
15 on November 8, 2016, and certified by the District
16 of Columbia Board of Elections on November 18,
17 2016.

18 (6) The term “Washington, D.C.” means
19 Washington, Douglass Commonwealth.

20 **SEC. 302. CERTIFICATION OF ENACTMENT BY PRESIDENT.**

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

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