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H. R. 7941

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit Acts of the District of Columbia to Congress in electronic form.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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 amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit Acts of the District of Columbia to Congress in electronic form.

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 “District of Columbia
5 Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO TRANSMIT**
2 **ACTS OF DISTRICT IN ELECTRONIC FORM.**

3 (a) ACTS OF COUNCIL.—Section 602(e) of the Dis-
4 trict of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(e), D.C.
5 Official Code) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(4) The Chairman of the Council may transmit an
8 Act under this subsection in such form as the Chairman
9 may choose, including electronic form.”.

10 (b) CHARTER AMENDMENTS.—Section 303 of such
11 Act (sec. 1–203.03, D.C. Official Code) is amended by
12 adding at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(e) The Chairman of the Council may submit an Act
14 under this section in such form as the Chairman may
15 choose, including electronic form.”.

16 **SEC. 3. ACCEPTANCE BY HOUSE AND SENATE.**

17 (a) ACCEPTANCE.—For purposes of determining
18 whether the Chairman of the Council of the District of
19 Columbia has transmitted an Act to Congress pursuant
20 to section 602(e) of the District of Columbia Home Rule
21 Act (sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code) or has sub-
22 mitted an Act to Congress pursuant to section 303 of such
23 Act (sec. 1–203.03, D.C. Official Code), the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and Senate shall treat such an Act which the
25 Chairman transmits or submits in electronic form in the

1 same manner as an Act which the Chairman submits in
2 paper form.

3 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—This
4 section is enacted by Congress—

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

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

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