
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2022

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


1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act”.

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

(a) Acts of Council.—Section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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

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

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

SEC. 3. ACCEPTANCE BY HOUSE AND SENATE.

(a) Acceptance.—For purposes of determining whether the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia has transmitted an Act to Congress pursuant to section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code) or has submitted an Act to Congress pursuant to section 303 of such Act (sec. 1–203.03, D.C. Official Code), the House of Representatives and Senate shall treat such an Act which the Chairman transmits or submits in electronic form in the
same manner as an Act which the Chairman submits in paper form.

(b) Exercise of Rulemaking Authority.—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 Acts described in subsection (a), 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.