COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 7-92


Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 7-321 on first and second readings, December 8, 1987, and January 5, 1988, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on January 25, 1988, this legislation was assigned Act 7-134, published in the February 5, 1988, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 35 page 716) and transmitted to Congress on January 28, 1988 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 7-92, effective March 16, 1988.

Chairman of the Council

Janes Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

January 28, 29
February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29
March 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15
AN ACT

D.C. ACT 7-134

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAN 25 1988

To amend the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975 to allow 90 days for filling vacancies; and to amend An Act To regulate the election of delegates representing the District of Columbia to national political conventions, and for other purposes, to update the election laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Elections Code of 1955 Amendment Act of 1987".

Sec. 2. Section 8(d)(2) of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975, effective October 10, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Code, sec. 1-257(d)(2)), is amended by striking the number "60" and inserting the number "90" in its place.

Sec. 3. An Act To regulate the election of delegates representing the District of Columbia to national political conventions, and for other purposes, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Code, sec. 1-1301 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 5(b)(2) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1306(b)(2)) is amended as follows:

(1) By striking the phrase "the candidates and";

(2) By inserting after "1,000" the phrase ", or 1½, whichever is less, of the".

(b) Section 5(b)(3) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1306(b)(3)) is amended as follows:

(1) Subparagraph (A)(i) is amended as follows:

(A) By striking the phrase "the candidate for nomination for President supported by the slate,"; and

(B) By inserting after "1,000" the phrase ", or 1½, whichever is less, of the";
Subparagraph (A)(ii) is amended by inserting after "1,000" the phrase ", or 1%, whichever is less, of the";

Subparagraph (A)(iii) is amended by inserting after "1,000" the phrase ", or 1%, whichever is less, of the";

Subparagraph (A)(iv) is amended by inserting after "1,000" the phrase ", or 1%, whichever is less, of the".

Section 5(b)(3) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1306(b)(3)) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

"(C) The governing body of each eligible party shall file with the Board, no later than 180 days prior to the presidential preference primary election:

"(i) Notification of that party's intent to conduct a presidential preference primary; and

“(ii) A plan for the election detailing the procedures to be followed in the selection of individual delegates and alternates to the convention of that party, including procedures for the selection of committed and uncommitted delegates."

Section 7(d) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1311(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) After January 1, 1976, the Board shall distribute a sufficient quantity of such forms to district libraries, firehouses, police stations, and government agencies in the District of Columbia, and whatever other places in the District of Columbia, as the Board deems appropriate. In addition to the above mentioned locations, the Board shall, where it deems appropriate, or upon request, distribute a sufficient quantity of forms to post offices, schools, churches, settlement houses, and food establishments in the District of Columbia.

Section 7(e) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1311(e)) is amended by striking in the last sentence the phrase "mails such registration notification to the applicant" and inserting the phrase "determines that the applicant is a qualified elector" in its place.

Section 7(f) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1311(f)) is amended as follows:

(1) By striking the number "5" and inserting the number "14" in its place;

(2) By striking the number "7" and inserting the number "30" in its place; and

(3) By adding the following after the 2nd sentence:

"In the absence of a response from the applicant after the specified 14-day period, the Board shall cancel the challenged registration application and endorse on the application the words "received but not accepted"."
(g) Section 7(f-1)(3) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1311(f-1)(3)) is amended by striking the phrase "within 2 weeks" and inserting the phrase "within 30 days" in its place.

(h) Section 8(a)(D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312(a)) is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (1)(A) is amended by inserting the phrase ", or 1%, whichever is less, of the" after the number "500"; and

2. Paragraph (2) is amended by inserting the phrase ", or 1%, whichever is less, of the" after the number "100".

(i) Section 8(j)(1) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312(j)(1)) is amended by striking the number "114" and inserting the number "123" in its place.

(j) Section 8(1) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312(1)) is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (1) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312(1)(1)) is amended by striking the number "90" and inserting the number "180" in its place; and

2. Paragraph (2) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312(1)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) The notification shall specify separately:

(A) A comprehensive plan for the scheduled election;

(B) The titles of the offices and the total number of members to be elected at large, if any;

(C) The title of the offices and the total number of members to be elected by ward, if any; and

(D) The procedures to be followed in nominating and electing these members."

(k) Section 8 (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1312) is amended by adding a new subsection (r) to read as follows:

"(r)(1) In any primary, general, or special election held in the District to nominate or elect candidates to public office, a voter may cast a write-in vote for a candidate other than those who have qualified to appear on the ballot. In party office elections, write-in voting provisions may be subject to the party rules.

(2) To be eligible to receive the nomination of a political party for public office, a write-in candidate shall be a duly registered member of the party from which nominated and shall meet all the other qualifications required for elections to the office.

(3) To be eligible for election to public office, a write-in candidate shall be a duly registered elector and shall meet all of the other qualifications required for election to the office."

(l) Section 9(e) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1313(e)) is amended by amending the first 2 sentences to read as follows:

"(e) The notification shall specify separately:

(A) A comprehensive plan for the scheduled election;
"A voter's act of signing a challenged ballot envelope shall be deemed the filing of an appeal by the voter of the refusal of the Board to let the voter vote on election day by regular ballot, and a waiver of personal notice from the Board of any denial or refusal to a later count of the challenged ballot. No earlier than 8 days and no later than 10 days after the date of any election held under this act, the Board shall conduct a hearing on the petition of any voter who cast a challenged ballot in the election to have that voter's vote counted in the same manner as all other ballots cast in that election. The Board shall inform the voter of the dates scheduled for the hearing in the written notice of the voter's rights of appeal provided in accordance with this subsection. In addition, on the 2nd Wednesday following the election, the Board shall publish in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation the names of all persons whose challenged ballots it has initially determined not to count."

(m) Section 10(d) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1314(d)) is amended by striking the number "15" and inserting the number "25" in its place.

(n) Section 16 (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1320) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase ", and publish the summary statement, short title, and legislative form in the D.C. Register and in a newspaper of general circulation." in its place.

(2) Subsection (e)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "such person receives such summary statement, short title, and legislative form" and inserting the phrase "the Board publishes the summary statement, short title, and legislative form in the D.C. Register and in a newspaper of general circulation" in its place.

(3) Subsection (g) is amended by striking the phrase "with a margin of one and three quarters inches at the top to allow for binding".

(4) Subsection (l) is amended by striking the phrase "that the issue presented by the petition is a proper subject for initiative or referendum, whichever is applicable, under the terms of Title IV of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act".

(5) Subsection (q) is amended as follows:

(A) By inserting the phrase "and summary statement" after the word "title";

(B) by inserting the phrase "(summary statement)" on the line below "Initiative Measure No."; and

(C) By inserting the phrase "(summary statement)" on the line below "Referendum Measure No.".
(c) Section 17(e)(2) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1321(e)(2)) is amended by striking the phrase "with a margin of one and three quarters inches at the top to allow for binding."

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto), as provided by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec 1-233(c)(1)).

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia

APPROVED: JANUARY 25, 1988
**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Council Period Seven  

**RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE**  
DOCKET NO: B7-321  

- **ACTION & DATE:** Adopted First Reading, 12-8-87  
- **VOICE VOTE:** Unanimous  
  Recorded vote on request  
  Absent: all present  

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
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**CERTIFICATION RECORD**  
1/13/88  

**ACTION & DATE:** Adopted Final Reading, 1-5-88  
**VOICE VOTE:** By Majority, Members Ray, Mason, Wilson and  
  Recorded vote on request  
  Absent:  

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Secretary to the Council