

AN ACT

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District of  
Columbia  
Code  
2001 Supp.*

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections and Ethics to submit to the Mayor and Council a feasibility study of mail ballot procedures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Mail Ballot Feasibility Study Amendment Act of 2000".

Sec. 2. Section 8 of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 is amended by adding a new subsection (s) to read as follows:

"(s) The Board shall submit to the Mayor and Council a feasibility study of mail-ballot voting procedures, within 6 months after the effective date of the Mail Ballot Feasibility Study Amendment Act of 2000. The study shall outline the advantages and disadvantages of mail-ballot procedures and recommend whether mail-ballot procedures should be implemented in District of Columbia elections. The study shall include an analysis of the following issues, and other topics that the Board deems appropriate:

- "(1) Administration and logistics;
- "(2) Ballot integrity and electoral fairness;
- "(3) Voter turnout;
- "(4) Cost;
- "(5) Applicability to special elections and regularly scheduled elections; and
- "(6) The experiences of other jurisdictions that have used mail-ballot

procedures."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 913; D.C. Code § 1-233 (c)(3)).

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of

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veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia