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# H. R. 1173

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Equal Federal Fund-  
5 ing for the District of Columbia Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS**  
2 **STATE AND ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF**  
3 **STATE OR UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR**  
4 **PURPOSES OF FEDERAL FUNDING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 9. District of Columbia treated as State and polit-**  
9 **ical subdivision of State or unit of local**  
10 **government**

11 “In determining eligibility for Federal funds or relat-  
12 ing to the use of Federal funds, the District of Columbia  
13 shall be treated as a State and as any political subdivision  
14 of a State or unit of local government, unless otherwise  
15 provided.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
17 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing:

“9. District of Columbia treated as State and political subdivision of State or  
unit of local government.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this Act shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

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