

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4378

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “District of Columbia
5 Board of Zoning Adjustment Home Rule Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF ZONING**2 **ADJUSTMENT.**

3 (a) REVISION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first undesignated para-
5 graph of section 8 of the Act of June 20, 1938 (52
6 Stat. 799; sec. 6–641.07(a), DC Official Code), is
7 amended by striking “which shall be composed” and
8 all that follows through “a resident of the District
9 of Columbia” and inserting “which shall be com-
10 posed of 5 members appointed by the Mayor of the
11 District of Columbia with the advice and consent of
12 the Council of the District of Columbia, each of
13 whom shall have been a resident of the District of
14 Columbia”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second
16 undesignated paragraph of section 8 of such Act (52
17 Stat. 799; sec. 6–641.07(b), DC Official Code), is
18 amended—

19 (A) by striking the first and second sen-
20 tences; and

21 (B) by striking “the 3 members appointed
22 by the Mayor of the District of Columbia with
23 the advice and consent of the Council of the
24 District of Columbia” each place it appears and
25 inserting “the members”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO FUNC-
2 TIONS REGARDING FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Section 206(i)
3 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956
4 (22 U.S.C. 4306(i)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(i) Whenever the Board of Zoning Adjustment is
6 performing functions regarding an application by a foreign
7 mission with respect to the location, expansion, or replace-
8 ment of a chancery—

9 “(1) the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
10 the Interior, the Administrator of General Services,
11 or the Director of the National Park Service (or
12 such alternate as such official may from time to
13 time designate), as designated by the President,
14 shall serve as a member of the Board in lieu of one
15 of the other members of the Board (as designated by
16 the Mayor of the District of Columbia); and

17 “(2) the Executive Director of the National
18 Capital Planning Commission shall serve as a mem-
19 ber of the Board in lieu of one of the other members
20 of the Board (as designated by the Mayor of the
21 District of Columbia).”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this Act shall take effect upon the expiration of the 90-

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1 day period which begins on the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

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