

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5179

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide for the appointment of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia by the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mr. FALLON 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 Attorney General Appointment Reform Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DIS-**
2 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA BY PRESIDENT.**

3 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Part C–i of title IV of the Dis-
4 trict of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–204.35, D.C. Of-
5 ficial Code) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“PART C–i—ATTORNEY GENERAL**
7 **“SEC. 435. ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF CO-**
8 **LUMBIA.**

9 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Attorney General for the
10 District of Columbia shall be appointed by the President.

11 “(b) SERVICE.—The Attorney General for the Dis-
12 trict of Columbia shall serve at the pleasure of the Presi-
13 dent, and the appointment of the Attorney General for the
14 District of Columbia does not require the advice and con-
15 sent of the Senate.

16 “(c) TERM.—The term of office of the Attorney Gen-
17 eral for the District of Columbia shall coincide with the
18 term of office of the President.

19 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING TREAT-
20 MENT OF EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this section shall be
21 construed to treat an employee of the Office of the Attor-
22 ney General for the District of Columbia who is appointed
23 by the Attorney General for the District of Columbia as
24 a Federal employee for any purpose except as may be
25 specified in law.”.

1 (b) TERMINATION OF SERVICE OF CURRENT ATTOR-
2 NEY GENERAL.—The term of service of the individual
3 serving as the Attorney General for the District of Colum-
4 bia on the day before the date of the enactment of this
5 Act shall terminate on the date of the enactment of this
6 Act.

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