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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 House Voting Rights Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS CON-**
2 **GRESSIONAL DISTRICT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the District of Columbia shall be considered
5 a Congressional district for purposes of representation in
6 the House of Representatives.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AP-
8 PORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
9 TIVES.—

10 (1) INCLUSION OF SINGLE DISTRICT OF COLUM-
11 BIA MEMBER IN REAPPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS
12 AMONG STATES.—Section 22 of the Act entitled “An
13 Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent de-
14 cennial censuses and to provide for apportionment of
15 Representatives in Congress”, approved June 28,
16 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), is amended by adding at the
17 end the following new subsection:

18 “(d) This section shall apply with respect to the Dis-
19 trict of Columbia in the same manner as this section ap-
20 plies to a State, except that the District of Columbia may
21 not receive more than one Member under any reapportion-
22 ment of Members.”.

23 (2) CLARIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF
24 NUMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS ON BASIS OF
25 23RD AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of title 3, United
26 States Code, is amended by striking “come into of-

1 ular decennial census conducted for 2010 and each
2 subsequent regular decennial census.

3 (c) SPECIAL RULES FOR PERIOD PRIOR TO 2012 RE-
4 APPORTIONMENT.—

5 (1) TRANSMITTAL OF REVISED STATEMENT OF
6 APPORTIONMENT BY PRESIDENT.—Not later than
7 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the President shall transmit to Congress a revised
9 version of the most recent statement of appor-
10 tionment submitted under section 22(a) of the Act enti-
11 tled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subse-
12 quent decennial censuses and to provide for appor-
13 tionment of Representatives in Congress”, approved
14 June 28, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(a)), to take into ac-
15 count this Act and the amendments made by this
16 Act.

17 (2) REPORT BY CLERK.—Not later than 15 cal-
18 endar days after receiving the revised version of the
19 statement of apportionment under paragraph (1),
20 the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in ac-
21 cordance with section 22(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
22 2a(b)), shall send to the executive of each State a
23 certificate of the number of Representatives to which
24 such State is entitled under section 22 of such Act,
25 and shall submit a report to the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives identifying the State
2 (other than the District of Columbia) which is enti-
3 tled to one additional Representative pursuant to
4 this section.

5 (3) REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION OF ADDI-
6 TIONAL MEMBER.—During the One Hundred Tenth
7 Congress, the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, and
8 the One Hundred Twelfth Congress—

9 (A) notwithstanding the final undesignated
10 paragraph of the Act entitled “An Act for the
11 relief of Doctor Ricardo Vallejo Samala and to
12 provide for congressional redistricting”, ap-
13 proved December 14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2c), the
14 additional Representative to which the State
15 identified by the Clerk of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives in the report submitted under para-
17 graph (2) is entitled shall be elected from the
18 State at large; and

19 (B) the other Representatives to which
20 such State is entitled shall be elected on the
21 basis of the Congressional districts in effect in
22 the State for the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

23 **SEC. 4. NONSEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.**

24 If any provision of this Act, or any amendment made
25 by this Act, is declared or held invalid or unenforceable,

- 1 the remaining provisions of this Act and any amendment
- 2 made by this Act shall be treated and deemed invalid and
- 3 shall have no force or effect of law.