

## HR 5778

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Independence Preservation Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Apr 10, 2008

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 110-273.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 110-273. (Jul 15, 2008)

**Law:** 110-273 (Enacted Jul 15, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/5778>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	R · VA		Apr 10, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on June 9, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Independence Preservation Act - Amends the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to declare that the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia does not have authority over the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's personnel.

Requires the financial management, personnel, and procurement functions and responsibilities of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority to be: (1) established exclusively pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by its Board of Directors; and (2) consistent with the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, as in effect as of January 1, 2008.

Repeals the amendment to the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996 made by D.C. Act 17-172 (Jobs for D.C. Residents Amendment Act of 2007) that requires: (1) the Authority's General Manager to be a D.C. resident throughout his or her employment; (2) a 10-point preference be granted to a qualified D.C. resident applicant over a qualified non-resident applicant for all positions within the Authority; (3) all persons hired after the effective date of such Act to submit proof of residency; (5) an applicant claiming the hiring preference to agree in writing to maintain bona fide D.C. residency for a consecutive seven-year period; and (6) forfeiture of such employment if D.C. residency is not maintained.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 15, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-273.
- **Jul 7, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 16, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5665-5666)
- **Jun 16, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5665-5666)
- **Jun 16, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Mr. Davis (IL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5084-5085)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5778.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5084)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5084)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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