

HR 3902

District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Mar 12, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 7, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on February 29, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act - Amends the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to require the Board of Elections and Ethics, in filling the following vacancies, to hold a special election in the District on the first Tuesday occurring between 70 and 174 days (currently, the first Tuesday occurring more than 114 days) after the vacancy occurs which the Board determines, based on a totality of the circumstances, taking into account, inter alia, cultural and religious holidays and the administrability of the election, will provide the greatest level of voter participation. Eliminates the specific alternative of a special election on the same day as the next general election (without eliminating the option of a special election on the same day as the next general election).

Applies this revised special election requirement to: (1) the Office of the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, (2) a Council member elected from a ward or elected at large, (3) the Office of the Mayor of the District, and (4) the Office of the Attorney General of the District.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 18, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 18, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-145.
- **Jul 16, 2012:** By Senator Lieberman from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 112-186.
- **Jul 16, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 448.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S4980)
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S4980)
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.
- **Mar 1, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1085-1087)
- **Feb 29, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3902.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1085-1086)
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- **Feb 29, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 7, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 7, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 6, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E147)
- **Feb 6, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.