

## HR 5803

Washington, D.C. Admission 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
Armed Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 18, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 18, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 18, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 18, 2020
Rules Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 18, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 51	Related bill	Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 522.
116 S 631	Related bill	Feb 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Washington, D.C. Admission Act**

This bill provides for admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. The commonwealth shall be admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the other states.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall issue a proclamation for the first elections to Congress of two Senators and one Representative of the commonwealth.

The bill applies current District laws to the commonwealth and continues pending judicial proceedings.

The commonwealth (1) shall consist of all District territory, with specified exclusions for federal buildings and monuments, including the principal federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the U.S. Supreme Court Building, and the federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building; and (2) may not impose taxes on federal property except as Congress permits.

District territory excluded from the commonwealth shall be known as the Capital and shall be the seat of the federal government. The bill maintains the federal government's authority over military lands and specified other property.

The bill provides for expedited consideration of a joint resolution repealing the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for the appointment of electors of the President and Vice President.

The bill continues certain federal authorities and responsibilities, including regarding employee benefits, agencies, courts, and college tuition assistance, until the commonwealth certifies that it is prepared to take over the authorities and responsibilities.

The bill establishes the Statehood Transition Commission to advise the President, Congress, and District and commonwealth leaders on the transition.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 18, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. H. Rept. 116-433, Part I.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Committee on Rules discharged.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 347.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 16.
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E155)
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.