

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, to establish that District of Columbia Emancipation Day shall be observed on April 17, 2006, and to add it to the list of legal public holidays in the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Alternate Date Temporary Amendment Act of 2005".

Sec. 2. Section 1202 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code §1-612.02), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 1-612.02

(a) Subsection (a) is amended by adding a new paragraph (11) to read as follows:

“(11) District of Columbia Emancipation Day, April 16th of each year.”.

(b) Subsection (c)(2) is amended to read as follows:

“(c)(2) April 16 of each year starting in 2005 shall be District of Columbia Emancipation Day, which shall be a legal public holiday for the purpose of pay and leave of employees scheduled to work on that day.”.

Sec. 3. Sense of the Council.

It is the sense of the Council that the federal government should recognize the "District of Columbia Emancipation Day". The Council urges Congresswoman Norton to introduce legislation in Congress to recognize this day.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement provided by the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule

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Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia