

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Cable Television Reform Act of 2002 to provide that the public access channels allocated to the Council shall be under the exclusive control of the Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Council Cable Autonomy and Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2009".

Sec. 2. Section 803 of the Cable Television Reform Act of 2002, effective October 9, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-193; D.C. Official Code § 34-1258.03), is amended by adding a new subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

“(b-1)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the PEG channels allocated to the Council under subsection (a)(4) of this section shall be under the exclusive control of the Council; provided, that, subject to subsection (b)(3) of this section, the Office shall manage the channels, pursuant to section 202(8), as the agent of the Council; provided further, that any video recordings or other documents, media, or intangible rights created in connection with the operation of the PEG channels shall be held by the Office as a custodian on behalf of the Council.

“(2) The control of the Council shall include the right to direct which proceedings of the Council, including any event conducted by or on behalf of the Council, its committees, members, or staff, whether on the PEG channel allocated to the Council or an auxiliary website from which the proceedings may be downloaded, streamed, or otherwise viewed, may be:

“(A) Recorded;

“(B) Broadcast; or

“(C) Re-broadcast.

“(3) The Secretary to the Council shall determine the programming for the Council’s PEG channels in accordance with this subsection.

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“(4) The Secretary to the Council may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Office to implement this subsection.”.

**Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 4. Effective date.**

(a) 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.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia