

AN ACT

Bill 20-346
Act 20-289
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Columbia
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Public Service
Commission
and People's
Counsel Terms
of Service
Harmonization
Amendment
Act of 2014

Amend
§ 34-801

To amend An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, to change the calculation of the terms for Public Service Commissioners, and to clarify the pay scale of Public Service Commissioners; and to amend An Act To provide a People's Counsel for the Public Service Commission in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, to extend the term of the People's Counsel from 3 years to 4 years.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Public Service Commission and People’s Counsel Terms of Service Harmonization Amendment Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Paragraph 97(a) of section 8 of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801), is amended as follows:

(a) Strike the sentence “The Mayor may appoint a new member to serve until the expiration of the term of the member so removed.” and insert the sentence “The Mayor may appoint a new member to serve until the expiration of the term of the member removed or for a new 4-year term.” in its place.

(b) Strike the sentence “The terms of office of all successors shall expire 4 years after the expiration of the terms for which their predecessors were appointed; but any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.” and insert the sentence “The terms of office for all successors shall be 4 years after being confirmed by the Council or the duration of the predecessor’s term at the discretion of the Mayor.” in its place.

(c) Strike the sentences “The Chairperson shall receive a salary equivalent to that received by an employee compensated at grade 17, step 10 pursuant to Title VIII 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 § 1-608.01). The Commissioners shall receive a salary equivalent to that received by an employee compensated at grade 17, step 8 pursuant to Title VIII 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 § 1-608.01 *et seq.*)” and insert the sentences “The Commissioners shall receive a salary equivalent to that received by an employee compensated at the midpoint of the E5 level pursuant to Title X-A of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective June 10, 1998 (D.C. Law

12-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-610.51 *et seq.*) (“Title X-A”). The Chairperson shall receive a salary equivalent to 5% higher than the midpoint of the E5 level pursuant to Title X-A. The Chairperson and Commissioners shall receive cost-of-living adjustments and other base salary increases equivalent to those received by an employee compensated pursuant to Title VIII 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 § 1-608.01 *et seq.*)” in their place.

Sec. 3. Section 1(b) of An Act To provide a People’s Counsel for the Public Service Commission in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved January 2, 1975 (88 Stat. 1975; D.C. Official Code § 34-804(b)), is amended by striking the phrase “and who shall serve for a term of 3 years” and inserting the phrase “and who shall serve for a term of 4 years” in its place.

**Amend
§ 34-804**

Sec. 4. Applicability.

Section 2(a) and (b) and section 3 of this act shall apply to nominations made on or after the effective date of this act.

**Note,
§ 34-801**

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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. 6. 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.