

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposed  
Resolution  
20-435**

**See Emergency  
D.C. Act 20-181  
20 DCStat 2440**

*To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to exempt Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners from the confidential disclosure of financial interest requirement.*

**Board of  
Ethics and  
Government  
Accountability  
Establishment  
and  
Comprehensiv  
e Ethics  
Reform  
Emergency  
Declaration  
Resolution of  
2013**

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2011, the Council strengthened the District’s ethics laws considerably.

(b) The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Act of 2011 (“Ethics Reform Act”) established the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (“Board”), which enforces the District’s ethics laws.

(c) The Board has rigorously enforced the new laws set forth in the Ethics Reform Act.

(d) It has come to the attention of the Council that a provision in the Ethics Reform Act should be amended immediately.

(e) The Ethics Reform Act established a new requirement that Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners file the same confidential financial disclosure required of Councilmembers and the Mayor.

(f) The rationale for this provision at the time the Ethics Reform Act was passed was that all elected and appointed public officials should be required to disclose all sources of income as a check against misbehavior, and financial disclosures serve as a check against the improper trading of this authority and influence.

(g) However, the role of ANC Commissioners is fundamentally different than the role of Councilmembers or high-ranking officials.

(h) ANC Commissioners do not vote or effect policy or decision-making in the same, direct way as do other public officials.

(i) Moreover, the intrusive nature of the financial disclosure requirement may deter ANC Commissioners—who serve voluntarily—from continuing to serve.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.