

S. 127

To restore municipal government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
3/2/2019

Referred to the Committee on Ethics, Government Affairs,
Domestic Policy and Judiciary.

A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States in Congress Assembled.*

SECTION I. Effective Date.

- (a) All provisions of this act take effect immediately
unless otherwise stated.

SEC. 2. Severability.

- (a) This Act shall be severable, such that if any word,
phrase, line, sentence, or provision of this Act, or the
application of any of them to any person or
circumstance, is held invalid, their application to other
persons or circumstances, and the remainder of this

Act shall not be affected thereby. This Act shall not be superseded by any newer law unless that law specifically declares its intent to supersede this Act's provisions.

SEC. 101. Consent to Municipality Junction

- (a) The Congress, pursuant to H.R. 179 and the subsequent demunicipalization of the City of Las Vegas, merges the City of Las Vegas and the District of Columbia into a single federal district (hereinafter referred to as the "State"), and does accept such district to be the Seat of Government of the United States.
- (b) The Congress consents to the creation of the State as a municipality under the Constitution of the United States.

SEC. 102. Name of Municipality

- (a) The State shall be known as the State of Columbia, the anthem of the State shall be "Washington". The march of the State shall be "Our Nation's Capitol"

SEC. 103. Intent of Congress to Municipalize State

- (a) It is the intent of Congress to create the State as a municipality in a swift manner.

SEC. 104. Provisional Administration of the Federal District

- (a) All legislative and executive authorities of the District of Columbia and City of Las Vegas governments are transferred to a Provisional Governor who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The District of Columbia City Council and Las Vegas City Council shall continue to perform their functions relating to development.
- (b) The Provisional Governor shall be charged with negotiating a new constitution for the municipality formed by the merging of Las Vegas and the District of Columbia into the State, such constitution shall not abolish either city council, and shall guarantee them basic legislative authorities, as well complete authority over development powers.
- (c) The Provisional Governor shall, when he believes a constitution has been negotiated successfully, submit such constitution to the Las Vegas City Council and District of Columbia City Council. If the Las Vegas City Council and District of Columbia City Council vote in approval of the submitted constitution, Section 101(b) shall take effect and Las Vegas and the District of Columbia shall be certified to have a republican form of government that adheres to the principles of the United States, and that the Municipality of the State shall be one, and declared to be one, of the United States, and admitted into the union on an equal footing with any other municipality, in all respects whatever.

- (d) The rank of the Provisional Governor shall be “Congressional Leaders” in the main group, and such subsequent governors of the State shall be ranked “Congressional Leaders” as well. If a Lieutenant Governorship is created by the State, Lieutenant Governors of the State shall hold the rank “Congressional Leaders” in the main group.

SEC. 105. City Council Development Functions

- (a) This act shall not be construed to be the assertion of Congressional authority over development.

SEC. 106. Transfer of Agencies

- (a) The President shall provide for the transfer of federal agencies under the reorganization power granted to him in the General Reform Act of 2018 to the State.
- (b) The President shall transfer low-functioning agencies such as the Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Transportation to the Provisional Governor, which shall then be transferred to the municipality accepted under section 101(b) and 104(c).
- (c) Additionally, the President shall take into consideration requests from the Provisional Governor regarding the transfer of agencies.

SEC. 107. Court of the State

- (a) There shall be a Court of the State of Columbia, which shall be a court of record, which shall be known as the State Court of Columbia.

- (b) The State Court of Columbia shall be composed of five judges who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from a list of candidates given to him by the Governor of the State; and that the President shall designate after hearing the advice of the Governor a judge of the State Court of Columbia to be the Chief Judge of the court.
- (c) The State Court of Columbia shall have original jurisdiction in all matters regarding the laws of the State; and in all claims taken against the state.
- (d) There exists a State Crime Panel of the Federal District Court that all judges of the State Court of Columbia shall concurrently serve on which shall have original jurisdiction over all crimes under the State.
- (e) The Federal District Court is expanded to 20 members.
- (f) The Board of Law Examiners created by the Executive Reform Act of 2018 is transferred to the Executive Branch, any appointment made by the Chief Justice or any other judicial officer or court to the Board of Law Examiners shall be abolished.
- (g) The Chief Justice, nor any other judge, magistrate or court shall have no authority under the Efficient Function and General Duties Act, 2016 nor any other law to regulate the practice of law in any court, and shall have no authority to regulate the practices of the Board of Law Examiners.
- (h) No judge nor court shall have any authority to grant the privilege of practicing law in a court of the United States to any person, and that no judge nor court shall

have the authority to grant temporary permission to grant the privilege of practicing law in a court of the United States.

- (i) The Bar of the Supreme Court may continue to exist in its current form, but membership on the Bar of the Supreme Court shall not privilege any member to practice law in any court other than the Supreme Court.
- (j) The Board of Law Examiners shall establish a requirement for attorneys to complete a minimum of five pro bono cases per month, judges and employees of the Department of Justice shall be exempt from such requirement. Such requirement shall take into account the representation of a client in front of any governmental administrative body, court or the Congress.
- (k) The Board of Law Examiners may make all needful regulations to ensure the proper conduct of attorneys and the maintenance of the profession of the practice of law.
- (l) All cases heard in front of the State of Columbia Court or the State Crime Panel shall be appealed to the United States Court of Appeal.