

S. 192

To further enhance the United States Capitol and United States Capitol
Police

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
08/03/2019

Mr. Lacryma (for himself) introduced the following act; which
was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security.

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. SHORT TITLE; EFFECTIVE DATE;

- (a) This act may be cited as the “Capitol Enhancement Act of 2019” or “Capitol Enhancement Act”.
- (b) 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 This Act shall not be superseded by any newer law unless that law specifically declares its intent to supersede this Act's provisions.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE. — This Act shall go into effect upon its enactment.

TITLE I- Architect of the United States Capitol

SEC. 101. Establishment of the Architect

- (a) There is an Architect of the United States Capitol (henceforth “Architect”), an officer and agent of the legislative branch, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- (b) The President shall choose the Architect from a list of recommendations forwarded by the President pro tempore and Speaker of the House in consultation with the House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader sent in a joint letter.
- (c) The Congressional Developers must consent to the appointment of the Architect and may reject the appointment through a letter issued to the President, the President pro tempore and the Speaker of the House.
- (d) The Architect shall not be a civil office within the United States.
- (e) The Architect shall serve an indefinite term.

- (f) The Architect shall only be terminated from employment through concurrent resolution with a simple majority from both houses of Congress.

SEC. 102. Duties and Authority of the Architect

- (a) The Architect shall maintain the Capitol grounds, including the congressional chambers and office buildings.
- (b) The Architect will ensure the continued development of the Capitol and its chambers, facilities, and offices therein.
- (c) The Architect shall engage in any planning concerning the Capitol and shall be the representative before Congress for any agreements or discussions involving development of the Capitol.
- (d) The Architect may employ any staff necessary to perform their duties including deputy and assistant Architects of the United States Capitol.
- (e) The Architect must maintain contact with the Congressional Developers and on a monthly basis report to Congress any changes to the Capitol or its chambers, facilities, and offices therein.

TITLE II- United States Capitol Police

SEC. 201. Changes to Board Membership

- (a) The contents of section 102 subsection (a) of title I of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2019 shall be struck and amended to “
 - (i) Architect of the United States Capitol

- (ii) The Chief of the United States Capitol Police ex-officio
 - (iii) The Sergeant-At-Arms of the House
 - (iv) The Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate
 - (v) Appointee of the Senate through Senate Resolution
 - (vi) Appointee of the House through House Resolution”
- (b) Any appointee of the Senate through Senate Resolution or appointee of the House through House Resolution to the United States Capitol Police Board shall serve a term of 2 months before requiring reappointment.
- (c) Parts (i) and (ii) of section 104 subsection (b) of title I of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2019 shall be repealed.
- (d) Following the enactment of this Act, subsection (a) of this section shall come into effect after 7 days.

SEC. 202. USCP Chief as Non-Voting Member

- (a) Section 104 subsection (a) of title I of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2019 shall be struck and amended to “Each member of the USCP Board shall have equal voting power except the Chief of the United States Capitol Police who shall be a non-voting member of the USCP Board.”

SEC. 203. Power of the Chief to Suspend Protection

- (a) The Chief of the United States Capitol Police may suspend the protection of any member of Congress for bad behavior for up to 14 days while the United States

Capitol Police Board deliberates on an extended, permanent, or no suspension of protection.

- (b) If the United States Capitol Police Board decides not to extendedly or permanently suspend the protection of a member of Congress, the United States Capitol Police Board may vote to maintain the current suspension or to void the suspension altogether.

SEC. 204. Civil Office Definition

- (a) Part (3) of section 3 subsection (t) of the Civil Office Definition Act of 2018 is hereby repealed.
- (b) Section 203 subsection (b) of title II of the Back to Tradition Act of 2019 shall be amended after the words “Secret Service” to insert “ and the United States Capitol Police ”.
- (c) For the purposes of the Back to Tradition Act of 2019, the deputy head of the United States Capitol Police shall refer to the Assistant Chief of the United States Capitol Police.

SEC. 205. Technical Corrections

- (a) Section 406 subsection (b) of title IV of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2019 shall be altered and referred to as subsection (a).
- (b) Section 407 subsection (c) of title IV of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2019 shall be struck and amended to “(a) Any person(s) who murders a member of Congress shall be charged under this title and imprisoned for no more than 30 days.”

SEC. 206. Repeal of Prior Law

- (a) Public Law 51-2, United States Capitol Police Act is hereby repealed with all titles and sections nullified.
- (b) Public 62-1, Establishment of the United States Capitol Police Act of 2018 is hereby repealed with all titles and sections nullified.
- (c) Public Law 12-10, Increase Capitol Police Personnel Act is hereby repealed with all titles and sections nullified.
- (d) Public Law 14-1, Emergency Saving of Capitol Careers Act is hereby repealed with all titles and sections nullified.