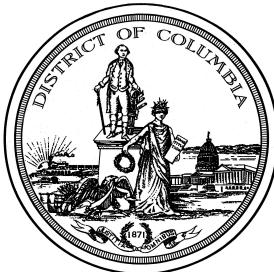


# **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

## **City Council**



**Ordinance No. 29-0023**

Introduced by: Councilman ElijahJunaid

An ordinance for an Act entitled: "Voting Integrity and Honors Transparency Act"

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AN ACT to establish criminal penalties for voting contrary to declared intent, to affirm the validity of proxy-passed legislation, and to mandate public transparency and timely decision-making in the District Honors nomination process.

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### **Section 1 – General Provisions**

- a. Severability
  - i. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- b. Effective Date
  - i. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and ratification by the Mayor.
- c. General Provisions
  - i. All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null and void collectively.
- d. Codified Reference

- i. This Act's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 29-0023"

## Section 2 – Voting Integrity Protocol

- a. Voting Misrepresentation Felony
  - i. Any proxy who casts a vote on behalf of another individual in contradiction to that individual's publicly declared intent shall be guilty of a Class A felony.
  - ii. Declared intent shall be defined as any formal statement made in session, in writing, or through official communication channels prior to the vote.
  - iii. This provision shall apply to all legislative votes, including amendments, resolutions, and procedural motions.
- b. Proxy Passage Validity
  - i. If a bill is passed or failed by proxy, the outcome shall be determined solely by the vote cast by the proxy, regardless of whether the vote contradicts the authorizer's declared intent.
  - ii. The bill shall be considered legally passed or failed based on the proxy's actual vote and shall carry full legal effect accordingly.

## Section 3 – District Honors Transparency Amendment

- a. Nomination Posting Requirement
  - i. All nominations submitted for District Honors must be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of submission by the Office of the Mayor.
  - ii. The posting shall include the nominee's name, reason for nomination, and the submitting party.
- b. Decision Deadline

- i. A final determination regarding each nomination shall be rendered by the designated awarding authority within fourteen (14) calendar days of its public posting.
  - ii. The decision—whether to award or deny—must be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of being made.
- c. Council Override Procedure
  - i. If no decision is made within the fourteen-day window, the City Council may convene a meeting to vote on whether to award the nominated individual.
    1. The vote shall require a simple majority of Council members present to pass.
    2. If the vote passes, the honor shall be conferred as if granted by the original awarding authority.
  - ii. The outcome of this vote must also be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of the meeting's conclusion.

#### Section 4 – Amendments to Prior Acts

- a. The following Acts are hereby amended to include the provisions of Severability, Effective Date, General Provisions, and Codified Reference:
  - i. Janitors of DC Act
    1. A new section shall be added to the end of the Act titled “General Provisions,” containing:
      - a. Severability
        - i. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
    - b. Effective Date

- i. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and ratification by the Mayor, unless otherwise provided by law.
  - c. General Provisions
    - i. All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null and void collectively.
  - d. Codified Reference
    - i. This Act's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 29-0001"
- ii. District Honors Amendment Act of 2025
  1. A new section shall be added to the end of the Act titled "General Provisions," containing:
    - a. Severability
      - i. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
    - b. Effective Date
      - i. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and ratification by the Mayor, unless otherwise provided by law.
  - c. General Provisions
    - i. All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null and void collectively.
  - d. Codified Reference
    - i. This Act's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 29-0003"
- iii. Proxy Regulation Act
  1. A new section shall be added to the end of the Act titled "General Provisions," containing:

- a. Severability
  - i. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- b. Effective Date
  - i. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and ratification by the Mayor, unless otherwise provided by law.
- c. General Provisions
  - i. All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null and void collectively.
- d. Codified Reference
  - i. This Act's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 29-0004"

## Section 5 – Repeals

- a. The following resolutions are hereby repealed in full, having been superseded by the provisions of this Act and the August 2025 Charter:
  - i. Proxy Voting Clarification Resolution
  - ii. Temporary Quorum Adjustment Resolution
  - iii. Symbolic Honors Recognition Resolution

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