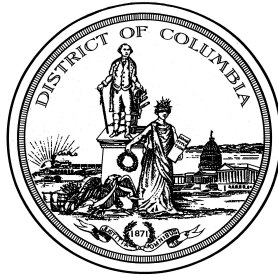


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Ordinance No. 29-0023

Introduced by: Councilman ElijahJunaid

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

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.

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 in 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 in 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 in 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 in 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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