

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the District of Columbia Board of Elections to operate no less than 80 polling places during the November 3, 2020, general election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Open Polling Places Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 5(a) of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (9A) to read as follows:

“(9A) For the November 3, 2020, general election, operate no less than 80 polling places;”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement provided by the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

1 Sec. 4. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
3 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for
4 no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of
5 Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
6 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).