



Councilmember Charles Allen

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections, for the November 3, 2020, General Election, to operate Vote Centers, operate no fewer than 80 polling places, including one for eligible individuals incarcerated in the Central Detention Facility and Correctional Treatment Facility, mail every registered voter an absentee ballot and postage-paid return envelope, publish and mail a paper voter guide, and email registered voters a voter guide and information about the General Election, to require voter registration agencies to promote the Board’s plans for the General Election, to remove the requirement that the Board post a list of qualified electors registered to vote in libraries and public buildings, and for other purposes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “General Election Preparations Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 28, 2020, the Council passed the General Election Preparations Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective August 13, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-382; 67 DCR 9865) (“emergency act”). The emergency act expires on November 10, 2020.

(b) On September 22, 2020, the Council passed the General Election Preparations Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, passed on temporary basis on September 22, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-0865) (“temporary act”), which is pending Mayoral review.

36 (c) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the
37 law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

38 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
39 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the General
40 Election Preparations Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after
41 a single reading.

42 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.