



Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, Section 905 of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 to extend the authorization of pandemic election procedures to fill vacancies on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and to reflect the reduced role of the Board of Elections in those procedures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this Act may be cited as the “Advisory Neighborhood Commission Pandemic Election Procedures Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Section 905 of the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 effective June 24, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-9; 68 DCR 4824) is amended as follows:

(a) The lead-in language of amendatory section 6(b)(3) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective March 26, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-58; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.05(b)) in subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) Until February 4, 2022:”.

(b) Amendatory section 8(d)(6)(E)(ii) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective March 26, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-58; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.06(d)(6)(E)) in subsection (b)(2) is amended as follows:

(1) The lead-in language is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) Until February 4, 2022:”

(2) Sub-sub-subparagraph (I) is amended to read as follows:

“(I) If the Board transmits a list of qualified candidates containing more than one name, the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission shall give notice at a public meeting of a time and location, to be determined in consultation with OANC, at which the qualified registered electors of the affected single-member district shall vote to elect a Commissioner. At the location selected, OANC, in consultation with the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission, shall make in-person voting available to qualified registered electors during at least a 4-hour time period. To vote, all qualified registered electors shall display their voter identification card or, alternatively, be listed as a voter in the affected single-member district on the Board’s voter registration list. Ballot counting shall be facilitated by at least 2 representatives of OANC, and the results shall be read aloud at the conclusion of the selected time period by the Chairperson of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, by such Commissioner as the Chairperson shall designate, or by a representative of OANC. In the event that the office of the Chairperson is vacant, the results shall be read aloud by the Commissioner presiding over the meeting or by a representative of OANC; and”.

(3) Sub-sub-subparagraph (II) is amended as follows:

(A) Strike the phrase “the Board, in consultation with the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission and OANC” and inserting the phrase “OANC, in consultation with the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission” in its place.

(B) Strike the phrase “, the Board, and OANC” and inserting the phrase “and OANC” in its place.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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