Section By Section

Section 1. Short Title

This section would provide a short title to the bill as the “District of Columbia Fairness In Representation Act.”

Section 2. Findings

Section 3. Treatment of District of Columbia as Congressional District.

This section would establish that the District of Columbia shall be considered a Congressional District for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives. It would make conforming amendments at various places in the U.S. Code where the current language mentions Congressional Districts and adds “the District of Columbia.” The section also would establish that the amendments made by this section shall apply in the 110th Congress and each succeeding Congress.

Section 4. Temporary Increase in Apportionment of House of Representatives

This section would provide that, effective January 3, 2007, the size of Congress shall be increased by two members. The section also would provide the process whereby the size of the Congress would temporarily increase by two members.

Section 5. Repeal of Office of District of Columbia Delegate

The section would repeal the Office of the District of Columbia Delegate, and it would make conforming changes in the U.S. Code by striking the term “Delegate” or Delegate of the District of Columbia.” The section would make these changes effective during the elections of 2004 and any succeeding year.

Section 6. Repeal of Office of Statehood Representative

This section would end the Office of Statehood Representative, but would leave intact the Office of Statehood Senator. This section also would make other conforming amendments throughout the D.C. Constitutional Convention Initiative of 1979. The changes made by this section would become effective during the elections of 2004 and any succeeding year.

Section 7. Nonseverability of Provisions

This section will insure that should any section of this bill be struck down all sections will be vacated.