

## H.R.51 - Washington, D.C. Admission Act

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**Sponsor:** [Rep. Norton, Eleanor Holmes \[D-DC-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 01/03/2019)

**Committees:** House - Oversight and Reform; Rules

**Latest Action:** House - 01/03/2019 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:** **Introduced**   Passed House   Passed Senate   To President   Became Law

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#### Introduced in House (01/03/2019)

#### Washington, D.C. Admission Act

This bill provides for admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. The commonwealth shall be admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the other states.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall issue a proclamation for the first elections to Congress of two Senators and one Representative of the commonwealth.

The bill applies current District laws to the commonwealth and continues pending judicial proceedings.

The commonwealth (1) shall consist of all District territory, with specified exclusions for federal buildings and monuments, including the principal federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the U.S. Supreme Court Building, and the federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building; and (2) may not impose taxes on federal property except as Congress permits.

The bill maintains (1) the District as the seat of the federal government, and (2) the federal government's authority over military lands and specified other property.

The bill provides for expedited consideration of a joint resolution repealing the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for the appointment of electors for President and Vice President.