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25 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to expand the definition of the term
29 qualified elector to include permanent residents for the purpose of local elections.

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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
32 act may be cited as the "Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2019".

33 Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69
34 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

35 (a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.02) is amended as follows:

36 (1) Paragraph (2)(B) is amended to read as follows:

37 "(B) Is a citizen of the United States or, for the purposes of a local
38 election, is a permanent resident of the United States;

39 (2) A New paragraph (28A) is added to read as follows:

40 “(30) “Local election” means

41 “(A) An election for:

42 “(i) Mayor;

43 “(ii) Chairman or member of the Council;

44 “(iii) Attorney General

45 “(iv) Members of the State Board of Education;

46 “(v) Advisory neighborhood commissioner or

47 “(B) Any initiative, referendum, recall, or charter referendum on a District
48 ballot.

49 (3) A new paragraph (31) is added to read as follows:

50 “(31) “Permanent resident” means a person lawfully admitted to the United States
51 for permanent residence as defined in section 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act,
52 approved June 27, 1952 (66 Stat. 166; 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(20)).”.

53 (b) Section 5(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)) is amended by adding a new
54 paragraph (14A) to read as follows:

55 “(14A) Within 180 days of the effective date of the Local Resident Voting Rights
56 Amendment Act of 2019, introduced on October 8, 2019 (Bill _____), issue rules as necessary to
57 administer the provisions of the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2019,
58 introduced on October 8, 2019 (Bill _____).”.

59 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

60 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
61 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
62 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

63 Sec. 5. Effective date.

64 This act shall take effect following approval of the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
65 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
66 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
67 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C Official Code § 1-206.22(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
68 Columbia Register.