


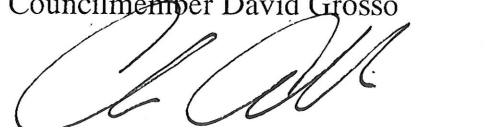



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20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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23 To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to expand the definition of “qualified  
24 elector” to include permanent residents for the purpose of local elections.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
27 act may be cited as the “Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015”.

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

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

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

32 “(B) Is a citizen of the United States or, for the purposes of a local  
33 election, a permanent resident of the United States;

34 (2) New paragraphs (27) and (28) are added to read as follows:

35           “(27) “Local election” means an election for Mayor, Chairman or member of the  
36 Council, the Attorney General, members of the State Board of Education, or advisory  
37 neighborhood commissioner, or any initiative, referendum, recall, or charter referendum.

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

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

43           “(14A) Within 180 days of the effective date of the Local Resident Voting Rights  
44 Amendment Act of 2015, issue rules as necessary to administer the provisions of the Local  
45 Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015.”.

46           Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

47           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
48 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
49 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1 – 206.02(c)(3)).

50           Sec. 5. Effective date.

51           This act shall take effect following approval of the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
52 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
53 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
54 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C Official Code § 1-206.22(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
55 Columbia Register.