

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B22-0189, THE “DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT AMENDMENT ACT
OF 2017”**

B22-0312, THE “D.C. VOTING RIGHTS NOTIFICATION ACT OF 2017”

B22-0345, THE “VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”

AND

**B22-0519, THE “EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER TELEPHONE
CALLING SYSTEMS FUND AMENDMENT ACT OF 2017”**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
Room 120, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a public hearing on Bill 22-0189, the “Drug-Related Nuisance Abatement Amendment Act of 2017”, Bill 22-0312, the “D.C. Voting Rights Notification Act of 2017”, Bill 22-0345, the “Voter Registration Agency Amendment Act of 2017”, and Bill 22-0519, the “Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017”. The hearing will take place in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 9:30 a.m.

Bill 22-0189, the “Drug-Related Nuisance Abatement Amendment Act of 2017”, would amend the Drug-Related Nuisance Abatement Act of 1998 to clarify that a civil action may be brought against an owner or a tenant, or both, for a property alleged to be a drug-, firearm-, and prostitution-related nuisance, and to establish a civil penalty for a defendant found to have knowingly conducted, maintained, aided, abetted, or permitted a drug-, firearm-, and prostitution-related nuisance.

Bill 22-0312, the “D.C. Voting Rights Notification Act of 2017”, would provide that non-incarcerated individuals with felony convictions are made aware of their right to vote in the District of Columbia, and to empower those individuals to participate civically by reducing misinformation about ex-felon voting rights.

Bill 22-0345, the “Voter Registration Agency Amendment Act of 2017”, would amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to add the District of Columbia Public Schools and the District of Columbia Public Library as voter registration agencies, and to require the Board of Elections to transmit an annual report to the Council containing the number of voter registration forms received by each voter registration agency.

Bill 22-0519, the “Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Amendment Act of 2017”, would amend the Emergency and Non-Emergency Telephone Calling Systems Fund Act of 2000 to allow monies in the Fund to be used to pay for personnel costs, including the conversion of contractor positions to full-time equivalent information technology positions, and to eliminate the requirement that the Fund be used for direct costs incurred by wireless carriers in providing E-911 service.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at judiciary@dccouncil.us or at (202) 727-8232, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Friday, January 19, 2018**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **twenty single-sided copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to judiciary@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee at judiciary@dccouncil.us. **The record will close at the end of the business day on February 8, 2018.**