A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Mendelson introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee

To approve the submission of a proposed advisory referendum to the Board of Elections for inclusion on the ballot for the November 8, 2016, General Election to ask the electorate if the Council should petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to provide for the State of New Columbia and to approve a Constitution.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Advisory Referendum on the State of New Columbia Admission Act Resolution of 2016”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 412(b) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 784; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(b)), the Council seeks to petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to provide for the State of New Columbia to be declared admitted to the Union and to approve a state Constitution; and hereby approves an advisory referendum, which shall ask the voters whether such petition should be approved, to read as follows:

“ADVISORY REFERENDUM”

Short Title

“Advisory Referendum on the State of New Columbia Admission Act Resolution of 2016.”

Summary Statement

To ask the voters on November 8, 2016, through an advisory referendum, if the Council should petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to admit the State of New Columbia to the Union. Advising the Council to approve this proposal would establish that the citizens of the District of Columbia (“District”) (1) agree that the District should be admitted to the union as the State of New Columbia; (2) approve a Constitution of the State of New Columbia to be adopted by the Council; (3) approve the State of New Columbia’s boundaries, as adopted by the New Columbia Statehood Commission on June 13, 2016; and (4) agree that the State of New Columbia shall guarantee an elected representative form of government.
Shall the voters of the District of Columbia advise the Council to approve or reject this proposal?

YES, to approve ____

NO, to reject ____

Sec. 3. The District of Columbia Public Library shall make drafts of the state constitution and proposed boundaries available for public inspection at every branch.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect upon publication in the District of Columbia Register.