# ENROLLMENT(S)



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# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# **NOTICE**

## D.C. LAW 11-200

# "Modified Reduction-in-Force Temporary Amendment Act of 1996".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 11-771, on first and second readings, July 3, 1996 and July 17, 1996, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 26, 1996, pursuant to Section 404(e) of "the Act", and was assigned Act No. 11-363, and published in the October 11, 1996, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 43 page 5427) and transmitted to Congress on January 13, 1997 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 11-200, effective April 9, 1997.

CHARLENE DREW JARVIS

Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

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#### ENROLLED ORIGINAL

#### AN ACT

# D.C. ACT 11-363

Codification District of Columbia Code 1997 Supp.

# IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# JULY 26, 1996

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to modify the reduction-in-force procedures to allow only 1 round of lateral bumping within a competitive level, to set a deadline of February 1, 1997, for personnel authorities to make final decisions on the identification of positions to be abolished through a reduction-in-force, to add 5 years to creditable service for District residency for purposes of a reduction-in-force, and to require the Mayor to submit to the Council by March 1, 1997, a list of positions to be abolished through a reduction-in-force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Modified Reduction-in-Force Temporary Amendment Act of 1996".

- Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Code § 1-601.1 et seq.), is amended by adding a new section 2408 to read as follows:
  - "Sec. 2408. Abolishment of positions for Fiscal Year 1997.
- "(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or collective bargaining agreement either in effect or to be negotiated while this legislation is in effect for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, each agency head is authorized, within the agency head's discretion, to identify positions for abolishment.

Note, New Section 1-625.7

- "(b) Prior to February 1, 1997, each personnel authority shall make a final determination that a position within the personnel authority is to be abolished.
- "(c) Notwithstanding any rights or procedures established by any other provision of this title, any District government employee, regardless of date of hire, who encumbers a position identified for abolishment shall be separated without competition or assignment rights, except as provided in this section.
  - "(d) An employee affected by the abolishment of a position pursuant to this section

who, but for this section, would be entitled to compete for retention shall be entitled to 1 round of lateral competition pursuant to Chapter 24 of the District of Columbia Personnel Regulations, which shall be limited to positions in the employee's competitive level.

- "(e) Each employee who is a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia shall have 5 years added to his or her creditable service for reduction-in-force purposes. For purposes of this subsection only, a nonresident District employee who was hired by the District government prior to January 1, 1980, and has not had a break in service since that date, or a former employee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at Saint Elizabeths Hospital who accepted employment with the District government on October 1, 1987, and has not had a break in service since that date, shall be considered a District resident.
- "(f) Each employee selected for separation pursuant to this section shall be given written notice of at least 30 days before the effective date of his or her separation.
- "(g) Neither the establishment of a competitive area smaller than an agency, nor the determination that a specific position is to be abolished, nor separation pursuant to this section shall be subject to review, except as follows:
- "(1) An employee may file a complaint contesting a determination or a separation pursuant to title XVI of this act or section 303 of the Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Code § 1-2543); and
- "(2) An employee may file with the Office of Employee Appeals an appeal contesting that the separation procedures of subsections (d) and (f) of this section were not properly applied.
- "(h) An employee separated pursuant to this section shall be entitled to severance pay in accordance with title XI of this act, except that the following shall be included in computing creditable service for severance pay for employees separated pursuant to this section:
- "(1) Four years for an employee who qualified for veterans preference under this act; and
- "(2) Three years for an employee who qualified for residency preference under this act.
- "(i) Separation pursuant to this section shall not affect an employee's rights under either the Agency Reemployment Priority Program or the Displaced Employee Program established pursuant to Chapter 24 of the District of Columbia Personnel Regulations.
- "(j) The Mayor shall submit to the Council a listing of all positions to be abolished by agency and responsibility center by March 1,1997, or upon the delivery of termination notices to individual employees.
- "(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1708 or section 2402(d), the provisions of this section shall not be deemed negotiable.
- "(1) A personnel authority shall cause a 30-day termination notice to be served, no later than August 29, 1997, on any incumbent employee remaining in any position identified to be abolished pursuant to subsection (b) of this section."

### **ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

Sec. 3. Section 2 shall apply upon enactment by Congress of a financial plan and budget for Fiscal Year 1997 for the District of Columbia

Note, New Section 1-625.7

- Sec. 4. This legislation will extend the modifications to the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act that were previously enacted. The Fiscal Year 1996 and 1997 budgets are premised upon these modifications being in place and will therefore allow for the implementation of those budgets with no net fiscal impact.
- Sec. 5. (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), and a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

District of Columbia

APPROVED: July 26, 1996



# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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