

A RESOLUTION

21-570

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 12, 2016

To approve the submission of a proposed advisory referendum to the District of Columbia Board of Elections, for inclusion on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, that asks the electorate whether the Council should petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to provide for the State of New Columbia to be declared to admitted to the Union and whether the Council should approve a state constitution.

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. (a) Pursuant to section 412(b) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(b)), the Council hereby approves an advisory referendum, which shall ask the voters whether the Council should petition Congress to enact a statehood admission act to provide for the State of New Columbia to be declared admitted to the Union and whether the Council should approve a state constitution.

(b) The advisory referendum shall 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, whether 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 of 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 28, 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 ____

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

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

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