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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Withdrawal  
5 of Agencies for Meaningful Placement Act of 2022” or  
6 the “SWAMP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS OF EXECUTIVE**  
2 **AGENCIES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “Executive  
5 agency”—

6 (A) has the meaning given the term in sec-  
7 tion 105 of title 5, United States Code; and

8 (B) does not include—

9 (i) the Executive Office of the Presi-  
10 dent;

11 (ii) the Department of Defense, in-  
12 cluding—

13 (I) the Defense Intelligence  
14 Agency;

15 (II) the National Security Agen-  
16 cy; and

17 (III) the National Geospatial-In-  
18 telligence Agency;

19 (iii) the Department of Energy;

20 (iv) the Department of Homeland Se-  
21 curity;

22 (v) the Department of State;

23 (vi) the Office of the Director of Na-  
24 tional Intelligence; or

25 (vii) the Central Intelligence Agency.

1           (2) HEADQUARTERS.—The term “head-  
2           quarters”—

3                   (A) means the place or building serving as  
4           the managerial and administrative center of an  
5           Executive agency; and

6                   (B) does not include an office that the  
7           head of an Executive agency may maintain sep-  
8           arately from a place or building in the Wash-  
9           ington metropolitan area.

10           (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
11           the 50 States.

12           (4) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—The  
13           term “Washington metropolitan area” means the ge-  
14           ographic area located within the boundaries of—

15                   (A) the District of Columbia;

16                   (B) Montgomery and Prince George’s  
17           Counties in the State of Maryland; and

18                   (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and  
19           Prince William Counties and the City of Alex-  
20           andria in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

21           (b) PROHIBITION ON LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS  
22           IN WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—With respect to  
23           a headquarters of an Executive agency that is located in  
24           the Washington metropolitan area as of the date of enact-  
25           ment of this Act, no new construction or major renovation

1 may be undertaken, or lease agreement entered into or  
2 renewed, for the headquarters after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, except as otherwise expressly provided by law.

4 (c) COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR RELOCA-  
5 TION OF HEADQUARTERS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
8 of General Services shall establish a process, in ac-  
9 cordance with the requirements under paragraph  
10 (2), through which—

11 (A) the head of an Executive agency may  
12 submit a request for the Administrator of Gen-  
13 eral Services to issue a solicitation for the relo-  
14 cation of the headquarters of the Executive  
15 agency; or

16 (B) if determined necessary, the Adminis-  
17 trator of General Services may issue a solicita-  
18 tion for the relocation of the headquarters of an  
19 Executive agency.

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to any so-  
21 licitation issued for the relocation of the head-  
22 quarters of an Executive agency under paragraph  
23 (1), the Administrator of General Services shall—

24 (A) allow any State and any political sub-  
25 division of a State to submit a proposal for the

1 relocation of the headquarters of the Executive  
2 agency;

3 (B) provide the public with notice and an  
4 opportunity to comment on any proposal sub-  
5 mitted under subparagraph (A); and

6 (C) in consultation with the head of the  
7 Executive agency, select a State, or a political  
8 subdivision of a State, for the relocation of the  
9 headquarters using a competitive bidding proce-  
10 dure that considers—

11 (i) the extent to which the relocation  
12 of the headquarters would impact the econ-  
13 omy and workforce development of a State  
14 or political subdivision of a State;

15 (ii) whether a State, or a political sub-  
16 division of a State, has expertise in car-  
17 rying out activities substantially similar to  
18 the mission and goals of the Executive  
19 agency; and

20 (iii) the extent to which the relocation  
21 of the headquarters to a State, or a polit-  
22 ical subdivision of a State, would implicate  
23 national security interests.

24 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
25 shall be construed to prohibit a political subdivision of the

1 State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Virginia that  
2 is located outside the Washington metropolitan area from  
3 submitting a proposal under subsection (c)(2)(A).

4 (e) OFFSET ALLOWED.—The Administrator of Gen-  
5 eral Services may use the proceeds from the sale of any  
6 Federal building or land to offset the cost of relocating  
7 the headquarters of an Executive agency.

8 (f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-  
9 tional amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry  
10 out this Act, which shall be carried out solely using  
11 amounts otherwise authorized.

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