

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act to require the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances to accept submission of comments in electronic form for all documents published in the District of Columbia Register that require a public comment period and direct the Director of the Office of Documents to maintain an electronic directory of all proposed rules open for public comment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Rulemaking Public Comment Modernization Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code Section § 2-501 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 105(a) (D.C. Official Code § 2-505(a)) is amended by striking the phrase “either orally or in writing, as may be specified in such notice.” and inserting the phrase “both orally and in writing. The notice shall provide for electronic submission of written data and views in all instances.”.

(b) Section 303 (D.C. Official Code § 2-553) is amended by adding a new subsection (j) to read as follows:

“(j) The District of Columbia Office of Documents shall publish and maintain an electronic directory of all proposed rules open for public comment under this act.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

(a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

(b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council of the certification.

(c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in the District of Columbia Register.

(2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the applicability of this act.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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 following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia