

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 23

AN ACT

To require congressional notification for certain changes in status of inspectors general, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Inspector General Pro-
3 tection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN**
5 **STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

6 (a) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
7 OFFICES.—Section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of
8 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid
10 non-duty status,” after “is removed from office”;

11 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after
12 “any such removal”; and

13 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-
14 fore the removal”.

15 (b) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
16 DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Section 8G(e)(2) of
17 the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is
18 amended—

19 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid
20 non-duty status,” after “office”;

21 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after
22 “any such removal”; and

23 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-
24 fore the removal”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 3. PRESIDENTIAL EXPLANATION OF FAILURE TO**
5 **NOMINATE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 33 of
7 title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
8 section 3349d the following new section:

9 **“§ 3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nomi-**
10 **nate an Inspector General**

11 “If the President fails to make a formal nomination
12 for a vacant Inspector General position that requires a for-
13 mal nomination by the President to be filled within the
14 period beginning on the date on which the vacancy oc-
15 curred and ending on the day that is 210 days after that
16 date, the President shall communicate, within 30 days
17 after the end of such period, to Congress in writing—

18 “(1) the reasons why the President has not yet
19 made a formal nomination; and

20 “(2) a target date for making a formal nomina-
21 tion.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 for chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
24 by inserting after the item relating to 3349d the following
25 new item:

“3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nominate an Inspector General.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act and shall apply to any vacancy first oc-
4 ccurring on or after that date.

5 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

6 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
7 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
8 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
9 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
10 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
11 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
12 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
13 vote on passage.

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2021.

Attest:

Clerk.

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