

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

Strike sections 2 and 3 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. LOCAL BUDGET AUTONOMY FOR DISTRICT OF CO-**
2 **LUMBIA.**

3 (a) PROVIDING LOCAL BUDGET AUTONOMY FOR DIS-
4 TRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The District of Columbia
6 Home Rule Act (sec. 1–201.01 et seq., D.C. Official
7 Code) is amended as follows:

8 (A) The table of contents is amended by
9 striking the item relating to section 446 and in-
10 sserting the following:

“Sec. 446. Enactment of local budget by Council.”.

11 (B) Section 404(f) (sec. 1–204.04(f), D.C.
12 Official Code) is amended by striking “trans-
13 mitted by the Chairman to the President of the
14 United States” both places it appears and in-
15 sserting “incorporated in the budget act and be-
16 come law subject to the provisions of section
17 602(c)”.

1 (C) Section 412 (sec. 1–204.12, D.C. Offi-
2 cial Code) is amended by striking “(other than
3 an act to which section 446 applies)”.

4 (D) Section 441(a) (sec. 1–204.41(a), D.C.
5 Official Code) is amended by striking “budget
6 and accounting year.” and inserting “budget
7 and accounting year. The District may change
8 the fiscal year of the District by an act of the
9 Council. If a change occurs, such fiscal year
10 shall also constitute the budget and accounting
11 year.”.

12 (E) Section 446 (sec. 1–204.46, D.C. Offi-
13 cial Code) is amended to read as follows:

14 “ENACTMENT OF LOCAL BUDGET BY COUNCIL
15 “SEC. 446. (a) ADOPTION OF BUDGETS AND SUP-
16 PLEMENTS.—The Council, within 70 calendar days, or as
17 otherwise provided by law, after receipt of the budget pro-
18 posal from the Mayor, and after public hearing, and by
19 a vote of a majority of the members present and voting,
20 shall by act adopt the annual budget for the District of
21 Columbia government. The Federal portion of the annual
22 budget shall be submitted by the Mayor to the President
23 for transmission to Congress. The local portion of the an-
24 nual budget shall be submitted by the Chairman of the
25 Council to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
26 pursuant to the procedure set forth in section 602(c). Any

1 supplements to the annual budget shall also be adopted
2 by act of the Council, after public hearing, by a vote of
3 a majority of the members present and voting.

4 “(b) TRANSMISSION TO PRESIDENT DURING CON-
5 TROL YEARS.—In the case of a budget for a fiscal year
6 which is a control year, the budget so adopted shall be
7 submitted by the Mayor to the President for transmission
8 by the President to the Congress; except, that the Mayor
9 shall not transmit any such budget, or amendments or
10 supplements to the budget, to the President until the com-
11 pletion of the budget procedures contained in this Act and
12 the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and
13 Management Assistance Act of 1995.

14 “(c) PROHIBITING OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDI-
15 TURES NOT AUTHORIZED UNDER BUDGET.—Except as
16 provided in section 445A(b), section 446B, section 467(d),
17 section 471(c), section 472(d)(2), section 475(e)(2), sec-
18 tion 483(d), and subsections (f), (g), (h)(3), and (i)(3) of
19 section 490, no amount may be obligated or expended by
20 any officer or employee of the District of Columbia govern-
21 ment unless—

22 “(1) such amount has been approved by an act
23 of the Council (and then only in accordance with
24 such authorization) and such act has been trans-
25 mitted by the Chairman to the Congress and has

1 completed the review process under section
2 602(c)(3); or

3 “(2) in the case of an amount obligated or ex-
4 pended during a control year, such amount has been
5 approved by an Act of Congress (and then only in
6 accordance with such authorization).

7 “(d) RESTRICTIONS ON REPROGRAMMING OF
8 AMOUNTS.—After the adoption of the annual budget for
9 a fiscal year (beginning with the annual budget for fiscal
10 year 1995), no reprogramming of amounts in the budget
11 may occur unless the Mayor submits to the Council a re-
12 quest for such reprogramming and the Council approves
13 the request, but and only if any additional expenditures
14 provided under such request for an activity are offset by
15 reductions in expenditures for another activity.

16 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this part, the term ‘control
17 year’ has the meaning given such term in section 305(4)
18 of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and
19 Management Assistance Act of 1995.’”.

20 (F) Section 446B(a) (sec. 1–204.46b(a),
21 D.C. Official Code) is amended—

22 (i) by striking “the fourth sentence of
23 section 446” and insert “section 446(e)”;
24 and

1 (ii) by striking “approved by Act of
2 Congress”.

3 (G) Section 447 (sec. 1–204.47, D.C. Offi-
4 cial Code) is amended—

5 (i) by striking “Act of Congress” each
6 place it appears and insert “act of the
7 Council (or Act of Congress, in the case of
8 a year which is a control year)”; and

9 (ii) by striking “Acts of Congress”
10 each place it appears and insert “acts of
11 the Council (or Acts of Congress, in the
12 case of a year which is a control year)”.

13 (H) Sections 467(d), 471(c), 472(d)(2),
14 475(e)(2), 483(d), and 490(f), (g)(3), (h)(3),
15 and (i)(3) of such Act are each amended by
16 striking “The fourth sentence of section 446”
17 and inserting “Section 446(c)”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective with
19 respect to fiscal year 2013 and each succeeding fis-
20 cal year, the Local Budget Autonomy Amendment
21 Act of 2012 (D.C. Law 19–321) is hereby repealed,
22 and any provision of law amended or repealed by
23 such Act shall be restored or revived as if such Act
24 had not been enacted into law.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall apply as of January
3 1, 2014.

4 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF**
5 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO CHANGE EXIST-**
6 **ING BUDGET PROCESS LAWS.**

7 (a) CLARIFICATION.—Section 603(a) of such Act
8 (sec. 1–206.03(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “existing”; and

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
11 ing the following: “, or as authorizing the District
12 of Columbia to make any such change.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
15 ment of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for
local budget autonomy for the District of Columbia.”.

