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House Joint Resolution 9 (Delegate Solomon, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

United States of America - District of Columbia - Statehood

This joint resolution declares that the State of Maryland supports admitting Washington, DC into the Union as a state of the United States of America. The joint resolution expresses the State’s opposition to efforts by the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States that interfere with local self-government and home rule in the District of Columbia, including federal laws disapproving of, amending, or repealing actions of the Council and Mayor of Washington, DC, as well as federal budget riders that control and limit the use of locally raised tax revenue. The joint resolution further calls on Congress and the President to enact federal legislation granting statehood to the people of Washington, DC.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has legislative authority over the District of Columbia.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HJ 5 of 2021.

Designated Cross File: None.

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