

The Maryland and District of Columbia Reunification Act of 2021

An Act retroceding the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Maryland and District of Columbia Reunification Act of 2021”

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

The Congress finds the following:

1. The entire territory of the current District of Columbia was originally a part of the State of Maryland. It was ceded to the United States in 1791 to form part of the nation’s capital city.
2. The portion of the original District of Columbia ceded to the United States by the Commonwealth of Virginia to form the balance of the capital city was successfully retroceded back to that State in 1846.
3. Since the federal government has supreme authority over all land and facilities it owns throughout the United States, including Maryland, it is not necessary for there to be a separate federal jurisdiction outside the boundaries of any state for the federal government to carry out its functions without state interference.
4. Maintaining the District of Columbia as a federal jurisdiction outside the boundaries of any state unnecessarily and unjustly deprives its residents of voting representation in Congress.
5. Upon the effective date of a retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, there will no longer be a separate district outside of a state constituting the seat of Government of the United States.

SECTION 3. RETROCESSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO MARYLAND

1. The District of Columbia is hereby retroceded to the State of Maryland, effective on the date that consent is granted to such retrocession by the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.
2. Upon the retrocession effective date, no electors of President and Vice-President shall be appointed by the 23rd amendment of the US Constitution.

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