

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5233

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clarifying Congres-  
5 sional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of  
6 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF LOCAL BUDGET AUTONOMY AMEND-**  
2 **MENT ACT OF 2012.**

3 Effective with respect to fiscal year 2013 and each  
4 succeeding fiscal year, the Local Budget Autonomy  
5 Amendment Act of 2012 (D.C. Law 19–321) is hereby  
6 repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed  
7 by such Act shall be restored or revived as if such Act  
8 had not been enacted into law.

9 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF ROLES OF DISTRICT GOVERN-**  
10 **MENT AND CONGRESS IN LOCAL BUDGET**  
11 **PROCESS.**

12 (a) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION OF FEDERAL  
13 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS TO GENERAL FUND.—Section  
14 450 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–  
15 204.50, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

16 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Gen-  
17 eral Fund” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The  
18 General Fund”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
20 section:

21 “(b) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS  
22 PROCESS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as cre-  
23 ating a continuing appropriation of the General Fund de-  
24 scribed in subsection (a). All funds provided for the Dis-  
25 trict of Columbia shall be appropriated on an annual fiscal  
26 year basis through the Federal appropriations process.

1 For each fiscal year, the District shall be subject to all  
2 applicable requirements of subchapter III of chapter 13  
3 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, United States  
4 Code (commonly known as the ‘Anti-Deficiency Act’), the  
5 Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, and all other require-  
6 ments and restrictions applicable to appropriations for  
7 such fiscal year.”.

8 (b) CLARIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY  
9 OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO CHANGE EXISTING BUDG-  
10 ET PROCESS LAWS.—Section 603(a) of such Act (sec. 1–  
11 206.03(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “existing”; and

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

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
18 ment of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

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