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Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Withdrawal
5 of Agencies for Meaningful Placement Act of 2022” or
6 the “SWAMP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS OF EXECUTIVE**
2 **AGENCIES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “Executive
5 agency”—

6 (A) has the meaning given the term in sec-
7 tion 105 of title 5, United States Code; and

8 (B) does not include—

9 (i) the Executive Office of the Presi-
10 dent;

11 (ii) the Department of Defense, in-
12 cluding—

13 (I) the Defense Intelligence
14 Agency;

15 (II) the National Security Agen-
16 cy; and

17 (III) the National Geospatial-In-
18 telligence Agency;

19 (iii) the Department of Energy;

20 (iv) the Department of Homeland Se-
21 curity;

22 (v) the Department of State;

23 (vi) the Office of the Director of Na-
24 tional Intelligence; or

25 (vii) the Central Intelligence Agency.

1 (2) HEADQUARTERS.—The term “head-
2 quarters”—

3 (A) means the place or building serving as
4 the managerial and administrative center of an
5 Executive agency; and

6 (B) does not include an office that the
7 head of an Executive agency may maintain sep-
8 arately from a place or building in the Wash-
9 ington metropolitan area.

10 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
11 the 50 States.

12 (4) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—The
13 term “Washington metropolitan area” means the ge-
14 ographic area located within the boundaries of—

15 (A) the District of Columbia;

16 (B) Montgomery and Prince George’s
17 Counties in the State of Maryland; and

18 (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and
19 Prince William Counties and the City of Alex-
20 andria in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

21 (b) PROHIBITION ON LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS
22 IN WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—With respect to
23 a headquarters of an Executive agency that is located in
24 the Washington metropolitan area as of the date of enact-
25 ment of this Act, no new construction or major renovation

1 may be undertaken, or lease agreement entered into or
2 renewed, for the headquarters after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, except as otherwise expressly provided by law.

4 (c) COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR RELOCA-
5 TION OF HEADQUARTERS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
8 of General Services shall establish a process, in ac-
9 cordance with the requirements under paragraph
10 (2), through which—

11 (A) the head of an Executive agency may
12 submit a request for the Administrator of Gen-
13 eral Services to issue a solicitation for the relo-
14 cation of the headquarters of the Executive
15 agency; or

16 (B) if determined necessary, the Adminis-
17 trator of General Services may issue a solicita-
18 tion for the relocation of the headquarters of an
19 Executive agency.

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to any so-
21 licitation issued for the relocation of the head-
22 quarters of an Executive agency under paragraph
23 (1), the Administrator of General Services shall—

24 (A) allow any State and any political sub-
25 division of a State to submit a proposal for the

1 relocation of the headquarters of the Executive
2 agency;

3 (B) provide the public with notice and an
4 opportunity to comment on any proposal sub-
5 mitted under subparagraph (A); and

6 (C) in consultation with the head of the
7 Executive agency, select a State, or a political
8 subdivision of a State, for the relocation of the
9 headquarters using a competitive bidding proce-
10 dure that considers—

11 (i) the extent to which the relocation
12 of the headquarters would impact the econ-
13 omy and workforce development of a State
14 or political subdivision of a State;

15 (ii) whether a State, or a political sub-
16 division of a State, has expertise in car-
17 rying out activities substantially similar to
18 the mission and goals of the Executive
19 agency; and

20 (iii) the extent to which the relocation
21 of the headquarters to a State, or a polit-
22 ical subdivision of a State, would implicate
23 national security interests.

24 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
25 shall be construed to prohibit a political subdivision of the

1 State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Virginia that
2 is located outside the Washington metropolitan area from
3 submitting a proposal under subsection (c)(2)(A).

4 (e) OFFSET ALLOWED.—The Administrator of Gen-
5 eral Services may use the proceeds from the sale of any
6 Federal building or land to offset the cost of relocating
7 the headquarters of an Executive agency.

8 (f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
9 tional amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry
10 out this Act, which shall be carried out solely using
11 amounts otherwise authorized.

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