

16 USC 1609.

SEC. 10. (a) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM DEFINED.—Congress declares that the National Forest System consists of units of federally owned forest, range, and related lands throughout the United States and its territories, united into a nationally significant system dedicated to the long-term benefit for present and future generations, and that it is the purpose of this section to include all such areas into one integral system. The "National Forest System" shall include all national forest lands reserved or withdrawn from the public domain of the United States, all national forest lands acquired through purchase, exchange, donation, or other means, the national grasslands and land utilization projects administered under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (50 Stat. 525, 7 U.S.C. 1010-1012), and other lands, waters, or interests therein which are administered by the Forest Service or are designated for administration through the Forest Service as a part of the system.

Forest Service
field offices.

(b) The on-the-ground field offices, field supervisory offices, and regional offices of the Forest Service shall be so situated as to provide the optimum level of convenient, useful services to the public, giving priority to the maintenance and location of facilities in rural areas and towns near the national forest and Forest Service program locations in accordance with the standards in section 901(b) of the Act of November 30, 1970 (84 Stat. 1383), as amended.

42 USC 3122.
Information and
data, utilization.
16 USC 1610.

SEC. 11. RENEWABLE RESOURCES.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall utilize information and data available from other Federal, State, and private organizations and shall avoid duplication and overlap of resource assessment and program planning efforts of other Federal agencies. The term "renewable resources" shall be construed to involve those matters within the scope of responsibilities and authorities of the Forest Service on the date of this Act.

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Public Law 93-379

AN ACT

August 21, 1974
[H. R. 12832]

To create a Law Revision Commission for the District of Columbia, and to establish a municipal code for the District of Columbia.

The District of
Columbia Law
Revision Com-
mission Act.
D.C. Code 49-
401 note.
District of
Columbia Law
Revision Com-
mission.
Establishment.
D.C. Code 49-
401.
Membership.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as "the District of Columbia Law Revision Commission Act".

SEC. 2. (a) There is established in the District of Columbia a District of Columbia Law Revision Commission (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission") which shall consist of fifteen members appointed as follows:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the President of the United States.

(2) One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) One member shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(4) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(5) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(6) Three members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, one of whom shall be a nonlawyer, and one of whom shall be a member of the law faculty of a law school in the District of Columbia.

(7) One member shall be appointed by the Chairman of the District of Columbia Council.

(8) Two members shall be appointed by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia.

(9) One member shall be appointed by the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel.

(10) Two members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia unified bar.

(b) No person may be appointed as a member of the Commission unless he is a citizen of the United States. At least eight persons appointed to the Commission shall be bona fide residents of the District of Columbia who have maintained an actual place of abode in the District of Columbia for at least the ninety days immediately prior to their appointments as such members. The remaining persons appointed as members of the Commission shall be residents of the National Capital Region, as defined in the Act of June 6, 1924 (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1001 et seq.) (establishing the National Capital Planning Commission), who have maintained an actual place of abode in the National Capital Region for at least ninety days immediately prior to their appointments as such members.

Citizenship requirement.

40 USC 71.

(c) Members of the Commission shall serve for four-year terms and may be reappointed.

Term.

(d) The Chairman of the Commission shall be selected by the members of the Commission from among their number.

(e) Each appointment of members of the Commission shall be made, without regard to political party affiliation, on the basis of the ability of that person to perform his duties with the Commission.

Non-partisan appointment.

(f) Appointments made to fill vacancies on the Commission shall be made in the same manner, and on the same basis, as original appointments to the Commission are made. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term of the member whose vacancy he was appointed to fill.

(g) Members and the Chairman of the Commission shall be entitled to receive \$100 for each day (including traveltime) during which they are engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission, except no member or Chairman shall receive more than \$5,000 for the performance of such duties during any twelve-month period.

Compensation.

(h) While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of the duties of the Commission, members, including the Chairman, of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703(b) of title 5 of the United States Code.

Travel expenses.

Personnel.

5 USC 5101,
5311.

Information,
availability.

Contract
authority.

Duties.
D.C. Code 49-
402.

(i) The Commission may appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable. Such personnel shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5 of the United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter II of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates. Persons appointed to the staff of the Commission shall be so appointed solely on the basis of their ability to perform the duties of the Commission without regard to political party affiliation. Employees of the Commission shall be regarded as employees of the District of Columbia government.

(j) The Commission, acting through its Chairman, may request from any department, agency, or instrumentality of the executive branch of the Federal and District governments, including independent agencies, any information for carrying out the purposes of this Act; and each department, agency, instrumentality, and independent agency is authorized and directed, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish to the Commission the requested information.

(k) The Commission may enter into contracts with Federal or State agencies, private firms, institutions, and individuals for the conduct of research or surveys, the preparation of reports, and other activities necessary to the discharge of its duties.

(l) The Commission may establish such advisory groups, committees, and subcommittees, consisting of members or nonmembers, as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. (a) It shall be the duty of the Commission to—

(1) examine the common law and statutes relating to the District of Columbia, the ordinances, regulations, resolutions, and acts of the District of Columbia Council, and all relevant judicial decisions for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law relating to the District of Columbia and recommending needed reforms;

(2) receive and consider proposed changes in the law recommended by the American Law Institute, the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, any bar association or other learned bodies;

(3) receive and consider suggestions from judges, justices, public officials, lawyers, and the public generally as to defects and anachronisms in the law relating to the District of Columbia; and

(4) recommend, from time to time, to the Congress, and where appropriate to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia and to the District of Columbia Council, such changes in the law relating to the District of Columbia as it deems necessary to modify or eliminate antiquated and inequitable rules of law, and to bring the law relating to the District of Columbia, both civil and criminal, into harmony with modern conditions.

In carrying out its duties under this Act, the Commission shall give special consideration to the examination of the common law and statutes relating to the criminal law in the District of Columbia, and all

relevant judicial decisions, for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law relating to the criminal law in the District of Columbia and recommending needed reforms.

(b) In addition to those duties of the Commission specified in subsection (a), the Commission shall prepare and recommend proposed uniform rules of practice, including rules relating to the conduct of hearings, for administrative agencies of the District of Columbia, including both independent and subordinate agencies, which conduct on-the-record hearings. The Commission shall also make a study of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act for the purpose of preparing a manual, including relevant legislative history and legal precedents, for the guidance of the respective administrative agencies.

D.C. Code 1-1501 note.

SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the President, to the Congress, to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and to the District of Columbia Council by March 31 of each year. All reports of the Commission to the Congress, including reports made under section 3(a)(4), shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate, and where appropriate, include drafts of proposed bills to carry out any of its recommendations.

Report to President, Congress, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and District of Columbia Council.
D.C. Code 49-403.

(b) Upon the filing of the Commission's annual report at the end of the fourth full calendar year after the date that funds are first appropriated to the Commission, the Commission shall cease to exist, unless extended by Congress.

Termination date.

SEC. 5. (a) Section 7 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1507) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Municipal Code of the District of Columbia.

“(d) Every regulation in the nature of a law or municipal ordinance adopted by the Council under authority specified in Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1967, or under authority of any Act of Congress, upon enactment, shall be codified and published in a Municipal Code of the District of Columbia which shall conform as closely as possible and shall be cross-indexed with the District of Columbia Code compiled by the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives. The Council shall from time to time issue such supplements or otherwise update and keep current the Municipal Code of the District of Columbia established under this subsection. The first such codification and publication of the Municipal Code of the District of Columbia shall be completed within one year after the date of enactment of this subsection.”

5 USC app.

(b) The District of Columbia Council shall provide for public distribution (at cost) of the Municipal Code of the District of Columbia established by the amendment made by subsection (a).

D.C. Code 49-404.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out this Act, including the amendment made by this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated, out of moneys in the Treasury credited to the District of Columbia and not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Appropriation.
D.C. Code 49-405.

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