

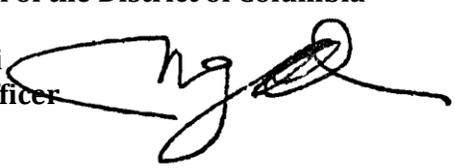
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi   
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** July 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - "Elected Attorney General Implementation and Legal Services Establishment Amendment Act of 2013"

**REFERENCE:** Proposed Amendment as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 9, 2013.

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget, and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the amendment.

**Background**

In 2010, District voters ratified a charter amendment to establish an elected and independent Attorney General (AG), separate from the control of the Mayor.<sup>1</sup> The amendment postpones the election of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia until after January 1, 2018.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the approved FY 2013 budget, and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the amendment. Overall, the bill will cost an estimated \$2,738,916 throughout the financial plan period, with costs beginning in FY 2015. This has been incorporated into the proposed budget and financial plan.

The amendment however, would mean many of bill's proposed changes are not likely to be implemented until FY2018. This pushes the original cost of the bill out beyond the financial plan.

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Law 18-160 was ratified by the electors of the District of Columbia in a general election held on November 2, 2010, certified by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics on November 29, 2010, and became effective as law on May 30, 2011.