

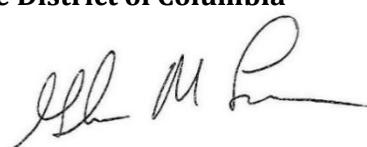
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: December 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Special Election in the Office of Delegate
Amendment Act of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-136, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on December 12

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill conforms District law to a federal statute¹ regarding the timing of a special election for a vacancy in the office of Delegate in the event there are more than 100 vacancies in the United States House of Representatives, and the Speaker declares “extraordinary circumstances.” During such an event, if the office of the Delegate is vacant, the bill requires that a special election be held within 49 days. Under normal circumstances District law² allows for between 70 and 174 days from a vacancy for the special election to be held.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The conforming change does not have a fiscal impact. However, the Board of Elections (BOE) does not typically budget for special elections, so BOE may require supplemental funding if a special election were to occur.

¹ 2 USC § 8(b)(2). ([2 USC 8: Vacancies](#)).

² D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(d)(2).