

D.C. DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS

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DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS

Most D.C. passed legislation gets reviewed by Congress before becoming law. [Under the D.C. Home Rule Act](#), civil bills have a 30 working day review period and criminal bills have a 60 working day review period, beginning on the day such act is transmitted by the Chairman to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Any Member of the House or Senate may introduce a qualifying joint resolution disapproving a D.C. law any time after the law has been submitted to Congress and before the expiration of the review period.

CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS OF D.C. ACTS

- 96th Congress (1979-1981): [S.Con.Res. 63](#) – Disapproved the Location of Chanceries Amendment Act of 1979.
- 97th Congress (1981-1983): [H.Res. 208](#) – Disapproved the D.C. Sexual Assault Reform Act of 1981
- 102nd Congress (1991-1993): [S.J.Res. 84](#) – Disapproved the Schedule of Heights Amendment Act of 1990 (building heights in D.C.)
- 118th Congress (2023-2024): [H.J.Res. 26](#) – Disapproved the D.C. Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022
- 119th Congress (2025-2026): [H.J.Res. 142](#) – Disapproved the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

Please note S.Con.Res. 63 and H.Res. 208 were adopted as legislative vetoes, prior to the Supreme Court [ruling legislative vetoes unconstitutional](#) in *INS v. Chadha*.

ATTEMPTED DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTIONS IMPACTING D.C.

- 94th Congress (1975-1976): [S.Con.Res. 78](#) – Would have disapproved a local proposed bond issue to refund loans made to the District from the Treasury.
- 96th Congress (1979-1980): [H.Con.Res. 228](#) – Would have disapproved the Location of Chanceries Amendment Act of 1979 ([S.Con.Res. 63](#) was adopted instead of this resolution).
- 100th Congress (1987-1988): [H.J.Res. 341](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act of 1987.
- 102nd Congress (1991-1993): [H.J.Res. 158](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Schedule of Heights Amendment Act of 1990 ([S.J.Res. 84](#) was adopted instead of this resolution).
- 114th Congress (2015-2016): [H.J.Res. 43](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act of 2014.
- 118th Congress (2023-2024): [H.J.Res. 24](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.
- 118th Congress (2023-2024): [H.J.Res. 42](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022; passed by Congress, but vetoed by President Joe Biden. ACLU-D.C. served as local expert.
- 119th Congress (2025-2026): [S.J.Res. 194/H.J.Res. 193](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Body-Worn Camera Transparency for Use of Force Temporary Amendment Act of 2026.
- 119th Congress (2025-2026): [S.J.Res. 195/H.J.Res. 192](#) – Would have disapproved the D.C. Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Temporary Amendment Act of 2026.

