



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 3054

No Taxation Without Representation Act of 2002

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on October 9, 2002*

S. 3054 would deem the District of Columbia to have the status of a state for the purposes of Congressional representation. The bill would authorize the District of Columbia to elect two Senators in the United States Senate and as many Representatives in the House of Representatives to which a similarly populous state would be entitled.

Based on the current administrative and expense allowances available for Senators and other typical office costs, CBO estimates that the addition of two new Senators would cost approximately \$5 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2003, subject to the appropriation of necessary funds. Establishing voting representation in the House of Representatives would not add significant costs because the District of Columbia currently has a nonvoting delegate to that chamber.

Enacting S. 3054 would increase direct spending for the payment for the salaries of the two new Senators. CBO estimates that the increase in direct spending would be approximately \$400,000 per year.

The bill contains no private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). S. 3054 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in UMRA because it would require the District of Columbia to hold both a primary and general election to fill two Senate seats and one seat in the House of Representatives. Based on information from the Board of Elections and Ethics of the District of Columbia, CBO estimates that the one-time cost to hold a special primary and general election would be less than \$1 million, well below the threshold established in UMRA (\$58 million in 2002, adjusted annually for inflation). No additional costs would be incurred in subsequent years as the elections would be part of the District's normal election cycle.

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