



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5702

**A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act
to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections
to fill vacancies in the membership of the
Council of the District of Columbia**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on September 23, 2010*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5702 would have no effect on the federal budget. The bill would require the District of Columbia to hold special elections to fill vacancies on the Council within 70 days of when a vacancy occurs, rather than within 114 days, as specified under current law.

That requirement would be an intergovernmental mandate, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Because the bill would only shorten the time frame for holding elections, CBO estimates that complying with the mandate would result in no additional costs for the District of Columbia. The legislation contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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