

*It is time to reconfigure our Nation's Government to reflect the changes that have taken place since its founding. We need to bring our Federal agencies and departments into alignment with the twenty first century with an eye to the twenty fifth century. God bless America and all our citizens.*



This document examines the concept and means of dispersing headquarters of various United States governmental agencies and departments from Washington D.C. to an assortment of cities around the country. The purpose of the relocation is to increase our government efficiency and effectiveness while decreasing expenses. This can be achieved through use of current and future communication technology and by bringing our federal government closer to the non-governmental general populace. Moving Departments and Agencies creates jobs, redevelops communities, increases national security and expands communication with constituencies, through improving functionality and proximity to the whole of the nation.

#### Rule "72" Initiative

The United States of America, as a Constitutional Republic, has survived for over 200 years, guided by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In order to survive another 200 hundred years, the resolve of the country needs to be strengthened by becoming a beacon of light to the rest of the world, proving that preserving individual rights of success and failure is the most successful and humanistic form of functional governing known to women and men. This means periodically altering the Form of Government is key to adapting with the evolution of our Nation.

"That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Rights of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation so such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall most likely to effect the Safety and Happiness." Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

It is imperative that we strengthen our understanding that the Governments instituted among our citizens, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, bring the government, of the people by the people, to the people. Originally, this was undoubtedly attained when there were only 13 States, when people and administrators mixed easily, due to close proximity.

Historically, the societies that have failed to periodically reconfigure to preserve individual rights and adapt to social evolution, were ultimately forced to through violence and social upheaval, for example Cuba, Venezuela, U.S.S.R. to the ancient Romans. These societies embraced a highly centralized form of government and lost the value of individualism resulting in dictatorships governed through fear and brutality. These societies lost their identity and unifying sinew destroyed by Marxist and Socialist

philosophies. Every effort should be made to preserve our capitalistic Republic and evolve with the times.

### A Simple yet Powerful Solution

We, Americans, have the Constitution and Bill of Rights to guide us. Constitutional laws are not set in granite, when found to not match up with the Constitutional guiding light due to evolutionary growth, the laws must change. Our Nation is one of evolutionary inclusion of and for all citizens. It is now time to change one of those laws:

Section 72 of title 4, United States Code.

§ 72. Public offices; at seat of Government All offices attached to the seat of government shall be exercised in the District of Columbia, and not elsewhere, except as otherwise expressly provided by law. (July 30, 1947, ch. 389, 61 Stat. 643.)

The repeal of this Section will allow a significant evolution of our governing body and help move our great Nation into the twenty first century with an eye to standing as the longest surviving peaceful form of government into the foreseeable future. The Nation's security will be enhanced.

The solution is to move various Government Departments and Agencies out of Washington D.C. These Agencies will be relocated and housed in different counties throughout the nation giving priority to those that are low-cost and economically challenged. This proposed massive relocation would render "null and void" the homogeneous think-tank effects of the Washington D. C. environment on the governmental employees.

This treatise offers a path of evolution that preserves the principles initiated, codified, and expressed in the United States Constitution. Since our country's founding, in 1776, the nation has grown and evolved both geographically and demographically. The center of government has become more concentrated, while simultaneously divorced from the geographic and demographic expansion since settlement began. It is time to reconfigure our Nation's Government to reflect the changes that have taken place since its inception. We need to bring our Federal agencies and departments into the twenty first century with an eye to the twenty fifth century and thus enhance National Security, promote Prosperity, and Domestic Liberty.

Too often, problem issues are highlighted in a public forum, promising a better economy, better education, a stronger defense, and a safer Nation, without a suggested means. The concept being proposed is intended to change and improve how the Government performs and delivers all its functions. This idea will:

- Move the lawmakers from the original mindset established from a 13 State Nation to focusing on a 50 State Nation. How: by changing the location, without changing the form or purpose of selected Departments and Agencies.
- Connect government employees, both implementer and administrator, with the constituents they are providing governance and services to daily.
- Expose administrators and implementers to the people within the communities that they serve. This exposure would help implementers gain valuable insight from local citizens with no tie to federal government. Just imagine the possible conversations during community events when the federal employees are surrounded by non-governmental tax paying local citizens.
- Reduce the authoritative power of lobbyists and sway of influence peddlers both foreign and domestic.

The proposed adjustment will enhance our national economies and communities. Fostering unity and cohesiveness while promoting financial strength. It will promulgate bipartisanship through mutual respect and appropriate asset allocation for the benefit of our Nation. As a Nation of laws, a strong respect for individual rights acts as our sinew.

The relocation of various departments and agencies brings the governed closer to those governing. Local citizens will be in regular contact with policy makers and implementers on an informal basis. Citizens will possess increased influence regarding the implementation and processes associated with the laws and regulations of our nation. This will be achieved due to the implementers and administrators living and working within shared communities across the nation. There will be no more living in the homogeneous society of Washington D.C. This exposure will help shape the interpretation, codification and administration of laws issued by Congress. This geographic alteration of agencies will diminish the influence of foreign internationalists on our domestic agenda. Change one's location and it is likely to change the behavior.

Currently there are two documents before the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress supporting the repeal of Section 72 of title 4, United States Code.

They are:

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H.R. 826 February 2, 2017- Sponsored by Warren Davidson Ohio 8<sup>th</sup> District

The recommended modification will not change what each Agency or Department of our Government is mandated or chartered to do. That change is reserved for the Congress, Senate, and Executive Offices. The decentralization of the center of operations and offices is the only change that will be made. The rest will occur naturally.

#### Identifiable Agencies and Locations

There are many options regarding where headquarters for the various entities should be relocated to. A detailed list of suggested locations for the first 22 departments and agencies is charted in appendix A, appendix B offers suggestions for many others. There are numerous criteria outlined in the implementation document that offer guidance for determining possible relocation counties for each Agency or Department.

The first Agency that should move is the Government Services Administration (GSA). This agency will be responsible for facilitation and implementation of the other Departments and Agencies relocations. By moving themselves first, numerous logistic issues will be identified and resolved before managing the movement of others.

The following are a few location proposals:

HUD headquarters, main operations, and all affiliated entities in Washington DC to Wayne County, Michigan – Detroit can benefit greatly from the influx of population and cash receipts – HUD employees will experience daily the issues and problems of our older cities

The EPA relocates to Orleans Parish, Louisiana – New Orleans is where the Mississippi feeds into the Gulf and much of the migrating elements east of the Rockies ultimately flows down this river. This location provides first hand exposure to effects of environmental policies and administrative initiatives.

The Department of Education moves to Alabama or Mississippi - both States regularly rank in the bottom 10 States for quality of education. America is only as strong as its weakest link, education strengthens the depth of our great nation.

The Department of Agriculture to Wyandotte County, Kansas – in the heartland of agriculture. Provides experience with how the entire industry is run, effect of the policies and the indirect consequences.

There are some Departments and Agencies that should remain in the District of Columbia, as identified in the Constitution as duties reserved for the Federal Government. These include the Supreme Court, Congress, Senate, Presidency, State Department-Diplomatic Duties and Functions, and the Departments of Defense.

The relocation is not proposed with the intent to alter present policy, charter, or goal. The purpose is improving the functional means of policy implementation. This plan does not intend to change the performance or delivery of policies, plans, projects, services and duties. The plan is only meant to change the location from which these government services are delivered. Due to modern communications technology there is no technical reason that requires federal agencies to be located in the Washington D.C. area. As there was previously when immediate communication was limited to the distance one could yell or travel in a day. This will support and achieve many stated goals including:

- A significant increase of taxpaying residents that will support each community's infrastructure by paying taxes to the city and spending the earned monies in the local economy.
- New home owners and tenants bring money and revitalization into regional depressed real estate economies.
- Improved education and social services.
- Opportunity for new businesses to support the new residents
- Additional new tax base from the new businesses
- Renovation and recycling of old facilities, converting dilapidated areas and resuscitating communities through updated technologies and efficient designs.
- Reduction of federal grants to the communities where a new tax base has been located
- Easier identification of community needs by living within the general populace. Less need for costs associated with lobbyist and non-governmental employees or consultants.
- Investment in the whole of the Nation.

All of this, and more, can be achieved by moving various United States Governmental Departments and Agencies out of Washington D.C.

At our nation's inception it was important to have most national government entities in one central location: Washington D.C. This was because, at the time, geographical and technical constraints greatly hindered the exchange of thoughts and ideas. Therefore, centralization was the solution during that time so as to prevent harmful delays to policy comprehension and implementation. There were only 13 original States and they were all located on the eastern side of the U.S. The nation has since expanded dramatically. With today's advancements in technology there is no longer a need for centralization of all Headquarters in one city. This plan proposes that the Government connect with citizens by decentralizing various agencies while making use of new technology to become more efficient.

Policy and procedure for relocation of federal employees is already outlined. The GSA, chartered and responsible for housing and location of federal employees, has been performing this

function for decades and has all the necessary policies and procedures in place. The direct and indirect benefits of dispersing the governmental agency Headquarters throughout the entirety of the nation are significant, benefitting nearly all parts of society permanently. By keeping the basic core functions of our Government; Defense, Legislative, Diplomatic, and National Courts; in Washington D.C. protection of these entities will be more focused.

The basic needs and nature of a healthy, uniquely American Republic society will not change. The proposed idea will not alter fundamental services but instead will engage citizens while uniting the nation as never before. It will improve National Security, promote Prosperity, and enhance domestic Liberty. The United States of America will remain a beacon of light and provide an example that individuals can and do live in harmony as law abiding individuals.

*Evolution increases the odds of survival and sustainability. November 9, 2017*

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