

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** September 17, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 23-360, the “Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2019”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 23-360, the “Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2019” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

Proposed Resolution 23-360, the “Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2019,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor on June 7, 2019 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The purpose of PR 23-360 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades, to serve for a term to end on June 26, 2022.

The Board of Industrial Trades was established to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the District by ensuring that individuals engaged in industrial trades have the specialized skills and training required to perform such activities for the public. The Board governs asbestos workers, plumbers, electricians, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, steam and operating engineers, and those in the elevator trades. The Board may establish bonding and insurance requirements, subcategories of licensure, education and experience requirements for licensure, and impose other requirements.

The Board is comprised of 15 tradespersons who are appointed by the Mayor and licensed in the District: three plumbers, two electricians, two refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, two steam engineers, two asbestos workers, one elevator mechanic, one elevator inspector, one elevator contractor, and one consumer member.

<b>Council Resolution</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Trade</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
PR 23-359	Brian Cooper	Elevator contractor (Pending)	June 26, 2022*
PR 22-249	Richard Jackson	Master plumber	June 26, 2020
PR 22-113	Khidhar Abdulshakur	Asbestos worker	June 26, 2020
PR 23-15	Michael Dalton	Consumer	June 26, 2021
PR 23-358	Petrick Washington	Elevator mechanic (Pending)	June 26, 2022*
PR 22-247	Constantin Rodousakis	Master electrician	June 26, 2020
PR 22-50	Terrence Hughes	Master plumber	June 26, 2020
PR 23-23	Michael Johnson	Master plumber	April 16, 2020
PR 22-248	Garth Grannum	Master refrigeration mechanic	June 26, 2020
<b>PR 23-360</b>	<b>Alvin Venson, Sr.</b>	<b>Master refrigeration mechanic</b>	<b>June 26, 2022</b>
PR 22-48	Alex Lemu	Steam engineer	June 26, 2020
PR 23-334	Tanya Lewis	Master electrician	June 26, 2021
R. 23-112	Shawn Ellis	Steam engineer	June 26, 2021
R. 23-113	Courtney Braxton	Asbestos worker	June 26, 2022

\*Expiration date is 2022 if appointed; nominations are pending at the Council.

Mr. Venson currently works at the University of District of Columbia where he is the Chief of Facilities Management. Mr. Venson has over 30 years of experience in facility management and maintenance, with expertise HVAC and boiler systems. Mr. Venson holds a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Master Mechanic license, and a Class 3 Steam Engineer license. Mr. Venson meets the qualifications for appointment, and he has expressed a commitment to serve. Accordingly, the Committee recommends confirmation.

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- June 7, 2019 PR 23-360, the “Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2019” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
- June 18, 2019 PR 23-360 is “read” at a Committee of the Whole meeting; on this date the referral of the PR to the Committee of the Whole is official and the 45-day period for Council review begins. If this measure is not acted upon by the Council before July 13, PR 23-360 will be deemed approved.
- June 21, 2019 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 23-360 is published in the *DC Register*.
- July 5, 2019 Notice of the public roundtable is published in the *DC Register*.
- July 10, 2019 The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 23-360.

September 17, 2019 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 23-360.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Venson is the Mayor's nominee for appointment to the Board of Industrial Trades.

### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 23-360.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 23-360 on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

*Alvin Venson, Sr.* testified before the Committee that he has served on the Board previously, including a term as Chair. Mr. Venson noted that, over the years, the Board has made significant strides in carrying out its duties and sustaining membership.

### VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

The Board of Industrial Trades is established pursuant to D.C. Code § 47-2853.06(d). PR 23-360 is an exercise of the Council's discretion to approve or disapprove Mayoral nominations to Boards and Commissions, pursuant to the Confirmation Act of 1978 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Code § 1-523.01).

### VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer indicates that a Fiscal Impact Statement is not needed for a confirmation. Board members are not compensated for their service.

### VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

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| <u>Section 1</u> | States the short title of PR 23-360.   |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Confirms the appointment of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. to the Board of Industrial Trades to serve the remainder of an unexpired term to end June 26, 2022. |
| <u>Section 3</u> | Provides that PR 23-360 shall take effect immediately.   |

## **IX. COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **X. ATTACHMENTS**

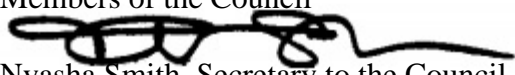
1. PR 23-360 as introduced.
2. Nominee's responses to Committee pre-hearing and post-hearing questions.
3. Written Testimony and Comments.
4. Legal Sufficiency Review.
5. Committee Print for PR 23-360.

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington D.C. 20004**

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : June 18, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, June 7, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2019", PR23-0360

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Saturday, October 5, 2019 without Council action.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services



OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

June - 7 2019  
The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(d)), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

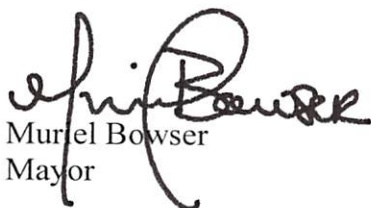
Mr. Alvin Venson  
3201 Alabama Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

for appointment as a refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic member licensed in the District member of the Board of Industrial Trades, to serve a term to end June 26, 2022.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Mr. Venson, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. to the Board of Industrial Trades.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
resolution may be cited as the "Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr.  
Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr.  
3201 Alabama Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

as a Licensed Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic member of the Board of  
Industrial Trades, pursuant to section 1002(b) of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform  
Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code §47-  
2853.06(d), and to serve for a term to end June 26, 2022.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Alvin D. Venson

## Career Objective

An experienced facilities manager from an HVAC and mechanical background, with invaluable managerial experience gained from private and government sectors. Highly focused with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of various sectors such as engineering, boiler maintenance, HVAC operations, and maintenance. A consistent track record of successfully employing best business practices that improve efficiency, reduce operating costs while increasing productivity.

## Career Summary

- Over 30 years of experience in Facility Management and Maintenance
- Expertise includes contract supervisor and compliance, environmental health and safety, space planning and HAZMAT response.
- Skilled at project management across multiple departments and disciplines
- Coordinated 24/7/365 response of facilities management services with engineering, subcontractors; facilities help desk, security and other internal service providers.
- Ability to communicate orally, written, and interpersonally
- Capable of communicating with vendor trades, procurement professional, and key management stakeholders.
- Capable of capturing the needs of internal and external agencies/customers to determine strategic cost-effective, results-generating solutions to fulfill those needs and exceed expectations
- Managed up 75 staff that consists of various trade and administrative personnel

## Professional Experience

**University of District Columbia, Washington, DC**

*November 2008-Present*

**Chief of Facilities Management, University of District Columbia**

*September 2012 - Present*

- Insure the University satisfies the appropriate facilities requirements that corresponds to its stated mission
- Provide professional and technical expertise to stake holders, Vice President of Real Estate, University President and Vice President on all matters pertaining to the development and management of the University's capital budget
- Provide Architectural services to include drawings specifications, technical direction, modification space planning, telecommunication guidance and other architectural services pertinent to the development, renegotiation and construction of university facilities.
- Responsible for the maintenance of daily operations of all University facilities and provide all academic and administrative units with conducive physical environments and available facilities.
- Management of a diverse group of employees including directors, managers, facility



specialist, and support personnel.

- Serves as main university liaison with contracting architectural-engineering firms to include the review of design plans and specifications, and negotiations of cost and changes in construction documents
- Manages the plant management and campus services division in all aspects of the divisions long and short term daily operations including; establishing a detailed set of program goals and objectives, maintenance of a continuous analysis and evaluation of on-going needs within designated areas of responsibility; manages budgetary and fiscal operations through periodic analysis and review of specific program and budget objectives to assure that allowable goals are met while establishing policies, procedures and lines of authority within each program area.
- Oversees areas of responsibility in the physical plant, campus services and capital program and development

**Director of Facilities, University of District Columbia**

*November 2008-September 2012*

- Manager of the Facilities Department, whereas, I also help to maintain the vision of the University of District of Columbia
- Supervises and coordinates the work activities of subordinate supervisors and workers, to include electricians, pipe fitters, carpenters, maintenance mechanics, painters, maintenance workers, laborers, and transportation.
- Responsible for the day to day operations, maintenance of buildings, grounds, and the power plant
- Oversees contractors for facility renovation projects entailing HVAC, electrical systems, and boiler plant operations
- Oversees the functioning of building systems including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and boiler plant operations
- Oversee the Facility Department budget and negotiates with outside vendors for supplies, repairs, and renovation projects
- Coordinated work operations as needed with supervisors, other organizations, and functions
- In addition to regular supervisory duties, prepare work schedules; develop quality and quantity standards, overseen and reviewed completed work.
- Developed and coordinated monthly facilities inspection per university standards.

**American Boiler, Inc., Alexandria, VA**

*July 2006-November 2008*

**HVAC Manager Control Technician, American Boiler**

- Managed daily operations of HVAC Department
- Prepared sales estimates, compiled project scope, and designed HVAC system installation plan
- Oversee all HVAC projects to assure successful completion by code
- Provide technical and mechanical assistance to all technicians
- Addressed complaints and concerns with customers
- Vendor interaction
- Evaluated HVAC and other equipment for purchasing

## **Education**

- Associates Degree, Business Administration, WSC, Washington, DC
- Master Air Conditioning and Refrigeration License, Washington DC (6/1990)
- Completion of Business Course, Prince Georges Community College (1982)
- Crossland Senior High Trade School (1980)

## **Specialized Training, Licenses & Certifications**

- Real Estate License, UDC (1996)
- Completed Trane courses for Heat Pump, Air Cooled Screw Chillers, and Pneumatic Controls
- Certified Refrigerant Usage Engineer, Refrigeration Service Engineer Society (1992)
- Completed Training for several DDC Controls (Johnson, Honeywell, and Reliance)
- Certified Infrared Thermographer (Level 1)

## **Accomplishments and Awards**

- Promoted to Chief of Facilities, University of District of Columbia
- Member of the District of Columbia Industrial Trade Board
- Member of the Boiler and Engineering Licensing, DC Industrial Trade Subcommittee



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

## Alvin D. Venson, Sr.



Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. is Chief of Facilities Management at the University of the District of Columbia and current member of the Board of Industrial Trades.

Having over 30 years of Facility Management experience in the private and government sectors, Mr. Venson, Sr. has created the consistent track record of successfully employing best business practices that improve efficiency, while reducing operating costs and increasing productivity.

A Ward 7 resident, Mr. Venson received Associate Degree in Business Administration from Washington Saturday College in the District of Columbia. He holds a Master of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration License and received certifications in Refrigerant Usage Engineer and Infrared Thermography.



July 1, 2019

Alvin Venson Sr.  
3201 Alabama Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Mr. Venson Sr:

Congratulations on being nominated for appointment to be a member of the Board of Industrial Trades (BIT) for the District of Columbia. As you know, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public roundtable on your nomination for **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building**. Enclosed is a copy of the roundtable notice.

It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the following questions no later than close of business Monday, July 8, 2019.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions no. 2-8 in lieu of that statement.
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$1,000, including publicly traded stock. [N/A](#)
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$200 during the past two years. [N/A](#)
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details. [N/A](#)
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$1,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts. [N/A](#)
6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000. [3201 Alabama ave. S.E Washington D.C 20020.](#)

7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you. [D.C Refrigeration/Air condition Master Mech.](#)
8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member. [N/A](#)
9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member and include the term of service for each. [Board of Industrial Trade.](#)
10. Please list any other boards (e.g., Board of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are currently a member. [True Deliverance Church of God Executive Board.](#)
11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim. [No.](#)
12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Board of Industrial Trades? [No.](#)
13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including all campaign contributions to a D.C. candidate or political committee. [N/A](#)
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered. [No.](#)
15. How do you plan to help the Board fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Board ? [I have been on the BIT for over 20 years as a Refrigeration/A\C Mechanic Master subject matter expert. I will continue my efforts to protect the public interest of health and safety. I'm committed to serve the resident of the District of Columbia](#)
16. Please discuss any past and present experiences not already mentioned that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the Board of Industrial Trades. [I have over forty years of Refrigeration |A\C and Facility Operation Management experience. I'm also a man of honesty and integrity.](#)
17. At the July 10<sup>th</sup> roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the BIT. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties may call the Committee office to register to testify (202-724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail ([COW@dccouncil.us](mailto:COW@dccouncil.us)).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Blaine Stum on my staff at 202-724-8092.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson  
Chairman

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Board of Industrial Trades**



Public Roundtable on  
PR23-0360, the “Board of Industrial Trades Alvin Venson  
Confirmation Resolution of 2019”

Testimony of  
**Alvin Venson**  
Nominee for reappointment to the Board of Industrial Trades

Before the  
Committee of the Whole  
Council of the District of Columbia  
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairperson

John A. Wilson Building  
Room 120  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Good Morning, Chairman Mendelson and other distinguished Councilmembers. I would like to thank Mayor Bowser for nominating me for another term on the Board of Industrial Trades. My Name is Alvin David Venson and I have lived in this wonderful city and have been married for 31 years. I also raised my three children in the District of Columbia. Over 20 years ago, I had the opportunity to apply for a position as a member of the Board of Industrial Trades. This opportunity afforded me an avenue to contribute and serve my community in a trade that I love, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. My brother and I were both introduced to the Refrigeration and air conditioning industry at the young age of 13. We were both reluctant at the time to learn, but as year progressed, we both developed a passion for the industry. I have brought this same passion with me as I serve on the board.

During my time on the board, I have been instrumental in working with the plumbing and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Committees. Some of my duties included reviewing applicants, reviewing complaints and making recommendation. During my tenure on the Board, I also performed the duties of Board Chairman 2017 to 2019. During that time, we were faced with the challenge of sustaining membership in order to have a quorum to hold meetings. I worked with the staff at DCRA and Board Members to encourage an increase in membership and most importantly encouraged the current members to be consistent in attendance and partaking in the Board activities. I personally led by example and ensured I attended all meeting. I'm happy to share that in our report to the Mayor we reported that we were able to increase Board membership and enable the Board to sustain a quota and to accomplish our goals. We were also able to complete our goal and was confident that we were keeping with our Mission statement, which states, "To protect the public interest of health, safety and the welfare of external and

internal stakeholders.” We made every effort to achieve this goal and I will continue to pursue this mission if I have the honor to continue another term on this Board.

Thank you.



1 **COMMITTEE PRINT**  
2 Committee of the Whole  
3 September 17, 2019  
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6 **A PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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8 23-360  
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10 **IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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15 To confirm the appointment of Mr. Alvin D. Venson, Sr. as a member of the Board of Industrial  
16 Trades.  
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18 **RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,** That this  
19 resolution may be cited as the “Board of Industrial Trades Mr. Alvin D. Venson Sr. Confirmation  
20 Resolution of 2019”.  
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22 **Sec. 2.** The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

23 **Mr. Brian Cooper**  
24 **Alabama Ave, SE**  
25 **Washington, DC 20020**  
26 **(Ward 7)**  
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28 as a licensed Master Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic member of the Board of  
29 Industrial Trades, in accordance with section 1002 of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform  
30 Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-  
31 2853.06(d)), and pursuant to section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979  
32 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), to serve for a term to end June 26, 2022.

33 **Sec. 3.** The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
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35 **Sec. 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.