

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . LIMITING THE NUMBER OF LOCAL WAGE AREAS**
2 **DEFINED WITHIN A GENERAL SCHEDULE PAY**
3 **LOCALITY.**

4 (a) LOCAL WAGE AREA LIMITATION.—Section
5 5343(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “(but
7 such” and all that follows through “are employed”;

8 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” after
9 the semicolon;

10 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking the period
11 after “Islands” and inserting “; and”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(6) the Office of Personnel Management shall
14 define not more than 1 local wage area within a pay
15 locality, except that this paragraph shall not apply
16 to the pay locality designated as ‘Rest of United
17 States’.”.

1 (b) GENERAL SCHEDULE PAY LOCALITY DE-
2 FINED.—Section 5342(a) of title 5, United States Code,
3 is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “and”
5 after the semicolon;

6 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period
7 after “employee” and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) ‘pay locality’ has the meaning given that
10 term under section 5302.”.

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of
12 Personnel Management shall prescribe any regulations
13 necessary to carry out the purpose of this section, includ-
14 ing regulations to ensure that the enactment of this sec-
15 tion shall not have the effect of reducing any rate of basic
16 pay payable to any individual who is serving as a pre-
17 vailing rate employee (as defined under section 5342(a)(2)
18 of title 5, United States Code).

19 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
20 section shall apply on and after the first day of the first
21 full pay period beginning at least 180 days after the date
22 of enactment of this Act.

