

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the issue of Washington, D.C.'s unique standing within the United States of America, and most importantly, its continuous struggle for being admitted as the 51st state. The paper offers a general overview of the U.S. capital's situation, and the current legislative approach, but most importantly searches for obstacles standing in the way of D.C. statehood. Firstly, it examines the limitations based on the U.S. Constitution, and secondly it analyzes the current political situation and the practical hurdles it brings to the topic. The ultimate aim of the thesis is to determine what the truly relevant obstacles, and the prospects of Washington, D.C. becoming a state are.