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S 1196

Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Taxation
Introduced: Jun 5, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7489)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7489) (Jun 5,

2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1196

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS] | $R \cdot KS$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY] | $R \cdot KY$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT] | $R \cdot MT$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS] | $R \cdot MS$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL] | $R \cdot IL$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE] | $R \cdot NE$ | | Jun 5, 2003 |
| Sen. Allen, George [R-VA] | $R \cdot VA$ | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA] | $R \cdot GA$ | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] | $R \cdot TX$ | | Jun 12, 2003 |
| Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV] | $R \cdot NV$ | | Jun 26, 2003 |
| Sen. Warner, John [R-VA] | $R \cdot VA$ | | Jul 8, 2003 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jun 5, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 5, 2003)

Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide that the basic standard deduction on a joint return shall be equal to 200 percent of the dollar amount of an individual who is not married.

Makes the maximum taxable income in the lowest joint bracket equal to double the maximum taxable income in the lowest single filer bracket.

Increases the earned income credit phaseout amount on a joint return by \$3,000.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 5, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 5, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7488-7489)
- Jun 5, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7489)