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S 1720

A bill to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Oct 14, 2003

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-157.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-157. (Dec 3, 2003)

Law: 108-157 (Enacted Dec 3, 2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1720

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Oct 14, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 30, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 3, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 30, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Federal judicial code to eliminate the Paris Division of the Eastern District of Texas and to include: (1) the counties of Delta, Fannin, Hopkins, and Lamar (in addition to Denton and Grayson) within the Sherman Division; and (2) Red River County within the Texarkana Division. Requires Federal court proceedings for the Sherman Division to be held in Plano (in addition to Sherman), Texas.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 3, 2003: Signed by President.
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- Dec 3, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-157.
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- Nov 21, 2003: Presented to President.
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- Nov 19, 2003: Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Nov 19, 2003: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11586-11589)
- Nov 19, 2003: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1720.
- Nov 19, 2003: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11586-11587)
- Nov 19, 2003: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H11586-11587)
- Nov 19, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Nov 7, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- Nov 5, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 5, 2003: Received in the House.
- Nov 5, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Nov 4, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13944-13945; text as passed Senate: CR S13945)
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- Oct 30, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
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- Oct 30, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 355.
- Oct 14, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 14, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.