

S 2396

Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2004

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Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		May 10, 2004
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 10, 2004
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 10, 2004
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 10, 2004
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 10, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2004 - Sets forth or amends various judicial, criminal, and bankruptcy code provisions to address the Federal judicial process, including: (1) bankruptcy administrator authority to appoint and serve as bankruptcy trustees; (2) places of holding court in, and changes in the composition of, specified districts; (3) jury matters; (4) conditions of probation and supervised release; (5) the scope of diversity citizenship for resident aliens and corporations with foreign contacts; (6) wiretap order reporting requirements; (7) emergency authority to conduct court proceedings outside a court's territorial jurisdiction; and (8) certain privacy concerns in bankruptcy cases.

Amends various Federal judicial code, Higher Education Act, Organic Act of Guam, Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, civil service, and other provisions to address Federal judicial personnel matters, including: (1) annuities for territorial judges; (2) compensation for Federal Judicial Center employees; (3) annual leave limits for judicial branch executives; (4) supplemental benefits for judicial branch employees; (5) student loan forgiveness for Federal defenders and student loan deferment for law clerks; (6) inclusion of judicial branch personnel in the organ donor leave program; (7) transportation and subsistence expenses for Criminal Justice Act defendants; (8) compensation in excess of the statutory maximum for defense counsel and for services other than counsel; (9) judicial branch security requirements; (10) life insurance for bankruptcy, magistrate, and territorial judges; and (11) health insurance for surviving family and spouses of judges.

Prohibits knowingly recording fictitious liens against the property of Federal judges.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5080)
- **May 10, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5080-5084)