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Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 13, 2003

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2477

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2477-2478) (Feb 13, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/402>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2574	Identical bill	Sep 4, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2003 - Repeals death penalty provisions for a wide range of specified offenses under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Federal criminal code (the code), the Controlled Substances Act, and other statutes, including for murder relating to the smuggling of aliens, murder during a hostage-taking, and certain non-homicide-related offenses (espionage and treason). Repeals code procedures relating to imposition of the death sentence.

Prohibits sentencing to death or putting to death any person for any violation of Federal law. Directs that any person sentenced to death before the date of this Act's enactment for any such violation serve a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2475-2477)
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2477-2478)