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S 1845

Circuit Court of Appeals Restructuring and Modernization Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Law

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 26, 2005

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Related Bills

Relationship	Last Action
Related bill	Feb 8, 2006: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 204.
Related bill	Oct 26, 2005: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-190.
Related bill	Oct 26, 2005: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-190.
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Summary (as of Oct 6, 2005)

Circuit Court of Appeals Restructuring and Modernization Act of 2005 - Amends the federal judicial code to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit into the Ninth Circuit (to be composed of California, Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands) and the Twelfth Circuit (to be composed of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington).

Requires the President to appoint five additional circuit judges for the new Ninth Circuit and two temporary judges for the former Ninth Circuit, to be stationed in California.

Specifies the locations where new circuits are to hold regular sessions. Locates the offices of the new Twelfth Circuit in Phoenix, Arizona.

Assigns active circuit judges of the former Ninth Circuit to the new circuits. Allows senior circuit judges of the former Ninth Circuit to elect assignment.

Sets forth provisions governing the disposition of cases pending in the former Ninth Circuit before the effective date of this Act.

Authorizes the temporary assignment of circuit and district judges of the former Ninth Circuit among the new circuits.

Provides that the former Ninth Circuit shall cease to exist for administrative purposes two years after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 20, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-1035.
- Oct 26, 2005: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-190.
- Oct 6, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 6, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR 10/7/2005 S11231-11232)