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HR 211

Ninth Circuit Judgeship and Reorganization Act of 2005

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Chamber: House **Policy Area:** Law

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1845	Related bill	Sep 20, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-1035.
109 HR 4093	Related bill	Feb 8, 2006: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 204.
109 S 1296	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.
109 S 1301	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.
109 HR 3125	Related bill	Aug 23, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
109 HR 212	Related bill	Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2005)

Ninth Circuit Judgeship and Reorganization 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), the Twelfth Circuit (to be composed of Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana), and Thirteenth Circuit (to be composed of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington State).

Requires the President to appoint five additional circuit judges for the new Ninth Circuit and two temporary judges for the former Ninth Circuit.

Specifies the locations where new circuits are to hold regular sessions.

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.

Specifies the disposition of cases pending in the former Ninth Circuit before the effective date of this Act as follows: (1) proceedings in matters that have been submitted for decision shall continue without regard to this Act; (2) matters not yet submitted for decision must be transferred to the court to which they would have been submitted under this Act; and (3) proceedings on petitions for rehearing or rehearing en banc that have been submitted or decided shall continue without regard to this Act.

Authorizes the temporary assignment of circuit and district judges of the former Ninth Circuit among the new circuits. Authorizes administrative coordination among any two contiguous new circuits.

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

Actions Timeline

- Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
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