

HR 5418

To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Nov 13, 2006)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 27, 2006
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3923	Identical bill	Sep 21, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 21, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Establishes a 10-year pilot program in certain U.S. district courts under which: (1) those district judges who request to hear cases involving patent or plant variety protection issues are designated by the chief judge to hear them; (2) such cases are randomly assigned to the district court judges, regardless of whether they are designated; (3) a judge not designated to whom such a case is assigned may decline to accept the case; and (4) a case so declined is randomly reassigned to one of those judges so designated.

Requires the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to designate at least five U.S. district courts, in at least three different judicial circuits, to carry out the pilot program. Requires such courts to be among the 15 district courts in which the largest number of such cases were filed in the most recent calendar year. States that the Director may only designate a court in which: (1) at least 10 district judges are authorized for presidential appointment; and (2) at least three judges request such cases.

Requires periodic reports on the program to specified congressional committees.

Authorizes appropriations for: (1) educational and professional development of those district judges designated under this Act; and (2) compensation of law clerks with expertise in technical matters arising in patent and plant variety protection cases who are appointed to assist courts in such cases.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7851-7853)
- **Sep 28, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5418.
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7851)
- **Sep 28, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7851)
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-673.
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- **Sep 21, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 402.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 27, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 5, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **May 18, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **May 18, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.