

HRES 118

Condemning the existence of racially restrictive covenants in housing documents and urging States adopt legislation similar to that which was enacted in California to address the issue.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2007)

Declares that the existence of racially restrictive covenants in housing documents is inconsistent with Supreme Court precedent and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Commends: (1) California for taking a lead role in removing such covenants from housing documents; and (2) the states of Kansas and Washington, and the Missouri State Senate, for passing legislation to do so too.

Urges the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to: (1) disseminate information regarding the removal of racially restrictive covenants from housing documents; (2) report to Congress on the number of complaints regarding such covenants; and (3) include the number of such covenants in the annual Fair Housing Report of data on each state.

Urges states to enact laws that: (1) will more readily permit property owners to remove racially restrictive covenants from their property documents; and (2) require homeowner associations to strike such covenants from governing documents.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.