

HR 2128

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 20, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 352	Identical bill	Mar 13, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 618.

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007 - Authorizes the presiding judge of a U.S. appellate court or U.S. district court to permit the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting, or televising to the public of court proceedings over which that judge presides except when such action would constitute a violation of the due process rights of any party.

Directs: (1) a district court, upon the request of any witness in a trial proceeding other than a party, to order the face and voice of the witness to be disguised or otherwise obscured to render the witness unrecognizable to the broadcast audience of the trial proceeding; and (2) the presiding judge in a trial proceeding to inform each witness who is not a party of the right to make such request.

Authorizes the Judicial Conference of the United States to promulgate advisory guidelines to which a presiding judge may refer in making decisions regarding the management and administration of photographing, recording, broadcasting, or televising described in this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 11.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 20, 2007:** Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property Discharged.
- **Jun 4, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **May 3, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.