

S 3569

Judicial Administration and Technical Amendments Act of 2008

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 25, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 25, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 27, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)**

Judicial Administration and Technical Amendments Act of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Amends the federal judicial code to: (1) move Dyer County from the Western Division to the Eastern Division of the Western Judicial District of Tennessee; and (2) make Dyersburg a site where the Court for the Eastern Division shall be held.

(Sec. 3) Reduces from 30 days to 10 days the minimum length of time a petit juror must serve on a trial before the court may pay a supplemental attendance fee.

(Sec. 4) Changes from a requirement to discretionary the authority of the district court to order any person summoned for jury service who fails to appear as directed to appear forthwith and show cause for failure to comply with the summons.

(Sec. 5) Requires the clerk or jury commission to post a general notice for public review in the clerk's office and on the court's website explaining the process by which names are periodically and randomly drawn from the master jury wheel.

(Sec. 6) Revises the items for which a judge or clerk of any court of the United States may tax as costs to specify: (1) printed or electronically recorded transcripts (currently, stenographic transcripts); and (2) copies of any materials (currently, papers) where the copies are necessarily obtained for use in the case.

(Sec. 7) Repeals obsolete provisions in the bankruptcy code relating to certain dollar amounts.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, or a designated clerk of court, to request the Secretary of the Treasury to invest court registry funds in interest-bearing public debt securities.

(Sec. 9) Authorizes magistrate judge participation at circuit conferences.

(Sec. 10) Amends the federal criminal code to repeal the requirement that a chief pretrial services officer be selected by a panel consisting of the chief judge of the circuit, the chief judge of the district, and a magistrate judge of the district or their designees. Requires, instead, that the chief pretrial services officer be appointed by the district court.

(Sec. 11) Requires indexing, according to a specified formula, of the maximum amount of compensation payable to attorneys for representing defendants.

(Sec. 12) Expands delegation authority for reviewing and approving Criminal Justice Act vouchers in excess of case compensation maximums for: (1) representation of defendants; (2) services other than counsel; or (3) service as counsel for financially unable defendants. Authorizes the chief judge of the circuit to delegate such approval authority to a senior circuit judge (as well as to an active circuit court judge, as under current law).

(Sec. 13) Repeals obsolete cross-references to the Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Act in speedy trial requirements.

(Sec. 14) Makes technical and conforming amendments to the federal criminal code with respect to conditions of probation and supervised release after imprisonment.

(Sec. 15) Includes among pretrial services functions contracting with any appropriate public or private agency or person, or expending funds, to monitor and provide treatment as well as nontreatment services to any such persons released in the community, including equipment and emergency housing, corrective and preventative guidance and training, and

other services reasonably deemed necessary to protect the public and ensure that such persons appear in court as required.

(Sec. 16) Amends the federal judicial code to require at least (currently, not more than) three members of the United States Sentencing Commission to be federal judges. Thus allows more than three members of the Commission to be federal judges.)

(Sec. 17) Increases from \$100 to \$1,000 the monetary penalty for failure to appear for a jury summons. Authorizes the court to order community service as a penalty as well.

(Sec. 18) Requires court for the Sixth Division of the Minnesota Judicial District to be held at Bemidji (as well as at Fergus Falls, as under current law).

(Sec. 19) Increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the monetary penalty for employers who retaliate against employees serving on jury duty. Authorizes the court to order community service as a penalty as well.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 13, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 13, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-406.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9897-9899)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9897-9899)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S9898-9899)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S9898-9899)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Ms. Lofgren, Zoe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10270-10272)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3569.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10270-10271)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10270-10271)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.