

## HRES 1031

Impeaching G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jan 21, 2010

**Current Status:** The motion to forever disqualify G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust

**Latest Action:** The motion to forever disqualify G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States agreed to by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 2. Record Vote Number: 265. (Dec 8, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-resolution/1031>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Delahunt, Bill [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jan 21, 2010
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jan 21, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 4, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 SRES 458	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2010:</b> Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S1647; text as passed Senate: CR S1647; text of measure as introduced: CR S1673)

## Summary (as of Mar 11, 2010)

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

Impeaches G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Sets forth articles of impeachment.

Declares that, while a U.S. district court judge, G. Thomas Porteous, engaged in a pattern of conduct incompatible with the trust and confidence placed in him as a judge.

Declares that Judge Porteous denied a motion to recuse himself from a case where one of the parties was represented by a corrupt law firm with which he had a financial relationship.

Declares that Judge Porteous made intentionally misleading statements at the recusal hearing and engaged in corrupt conduct after the trial, and while he had the case under advisement.

Declares that Judge Porteous: (1) engaged in a longstanding pattern of corrupt conduct that demonstrates his unfitness to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge; and (2) engaged in a pattern of conduct inconsistent with the trust and confidence placed in him as a federal judge by knowingly and intentionally making material false statements and representations under penalty of perjury related to his personal bankruptcy filing, and by repeatedly violating a court order in his bankruptcy case.

Declares that Judge Porteous knowingly made material false statements about his past to both the U.S. Senate and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in order to obtain the office of U.S. District Court Judge.

Declares that Judge Porteous is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and should be removed from office.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 8, 2010:** Considered by Senate.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The motion to disaggregate the Articles of Impeachment are disagreed to by Yea-Nay Vote. 0 - 94. Record Vote Number: 260.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The Senate adjudges that G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, is guilty as charged in the first Article of Impeachment by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 0. Record Vote Number: 261.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The Senate adjudges that G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, is guilty as charged in the second Article of Impeachment by Yea-Nay Vote. 69 - 27. Record Vote Number: 262.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The Senate adjudges that G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, is guilty as charged in the third Article of Impeachment by Yea-Nay Vote. 88 - 8. Record Vote Number: 263.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The Senate adjudges that G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, is guilty as charged in the fourth Article of Impeachment by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 - 6. Record Vote Number: 264.
- **Dec 8, 2010:** The motion to forever disqualify G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States agreed to by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 2. Record Vote Number: 265.
- **Dec 7, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Mar 17, 2010:** Received in the Senate.
- **Mar 11, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 1031. (consideration: CR H1327-1328, H1329-1337)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article I of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 412 - 0 (Roll no. 102). (consideration: CR H1335)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** On agreeing to Article I of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 412 - 0 (Roll no. 102). (consideration: CR H1335)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article II of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 410 - 0 (Roll no. 103). (consideration: CR H1335-1336)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** On agreeing to Article II of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 410 - 0 (Roll no. 103). (consideration: CR H1335-1336)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article III of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 416 - 0 (Roll no. 104). (consideration: CR H1335-1336)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** On agreeing to Article III of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 416 - 0 (Roll no. 104). (consideration: CR H1335-1336)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article IV of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 423 - 0 (Roll no. 105). (consideration: CR H1336-1337)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** On agreeing to Article IV of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 423 - 0 (Roll no. 105). (consideration: CR H1336-1337)
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-427.
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 170.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 0.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.