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A bill 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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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 628	Identical bill	Jan 4, 2011: Became Public Law No: 111-349.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2009)

Establishes a 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.

Actions Timeline

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