

## HR 3986

### Effective Death Penalty Appeals Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 3, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Jan 4, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/3986>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2009
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2009
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Dec 2, 2009
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2009
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jan 27, 2010
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 23, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 4, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 3, 2009)

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Effective Death Penalty Appeals Act - Amends the federal judicial code to make federal habeas corpus relief available to a person sentenced to death if adjudication on the merits in state court proceedings of the claim cited in the writ application resulted in, or left in force, a death sentence imposed without consideration of newly discovered evidence which, in combination with the evidence presented at trial, demonstrates that the applicant is probably not guilty of the underlying offense.

Allows presentation of such a claim in a second or successive habeas corpus application.

Allows a second or successive court motion to vacate, set aside, or correct a death sentence based on such a claim.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 4, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H12208)
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.