

S 1014

Emergency Judicial Relief Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Latest Action: Star Print ordered on the reported bill. (Nov 15, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] | R · TX | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX] | R · TX | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ] | R · AZ | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ] | R · AZ | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA] | D · CA | | May 18, 2011 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Reported By | Oct 17, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 HR 3890 | Related bill | Feb 16, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. |
| 112 HR 2365 | Related bill | Aug 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. |
| 112 S 1032 | Related bill | May 19, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Emergency Judicial Relief Act of 2011 - (Sec. 2) Directs the President to appoint, by and with the Senate's advice and consent, specified additional permanent district judges for various federal judicial districts in Arizona, California, Minnesota, and Texas.

Converts certain existing temporary judgeships for the district of Arizona and the central district of California to permanent judgeships.

Increases the filing fee for most civil actions or proceedings, excluding a writ of habeas corpus, to \$360 (currently, \$350).

Requires that incremental amounts collected by reason of enactment of this Act be deposited in a special fund in the Treasury to offset funds appropriated for the operation and maintenance of U.S. courts to the extent specifically appropriated by an Act of Congress after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 3) Prohibits any judicial branch officer, employee, agent, contractor, or subcontractor from discharging, demoting, threatening, suspending, harassing, or otherwise discriminating against an employee in the terms and conditions of employment because of any lawful act by the employee to provide information, cause information to be provided, or otherwise assist in an investigation regarding any possible violation of federal law or regulation, or misconduct, by a judge, justice, or any other employee in the judicial branch, which may assist in the investigation of the possible violation or misconduct.

Authorizes an employee injured by such a prohibited act to obtain appropriate relief in a civil action.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2011:** Star Print ordered on the reported bill.
- **Oct 17, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Oct 17, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 195.
- **Oct 13, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3058)
- **May 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3058)