

HR 1021

Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 10, 2011
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 10, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 19, 2011
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 19, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4967	Related bill	May 25, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-121.
112 S 1821	Related bill	Dec 15, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 261.

Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011 - (Sec. 2) Extends the temporary office of 30 bankruptcy judgeships authorized or extended under the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1992 and Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2005 until applicable vacancies identified in this Act occur in the office of a bankruptcy judge for specified districts in California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Nevada.

Prohibits filling specified bankruptcy judge vacancies in such districts occurring more than five years after enactment of this Act and resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge (thus extending the lapse date under current law by five years).

(Sec. 3) Increases by a specified amount the bankruptcy filing fee for a case commenced under chapter 11 (Reorganization) that does not concern a railroad. Requires that certain incremental amounts collected by reason of such increased fees be: (1) deposited in a special fund in the Treasury; and (2) made available to offset funds appropriated for the operation and maintenance of U.S. courts, but only to the extent specifically appropriated by an Act enacted after enactment of this Act.

Reduces the percentage of such fees to be deposited as offsetting collections to the U.S. Trustee System Fund (funds available to the Attorney General for operations of U.S. trustees). Increases the percentage of chapter 7 (Liquidation) and 13 (Adjustment of Debts of an Individual with Regular Income) fees to be deposited as offsetting receipts to remain available to the Judiciary for expenses, services, and administration of U.S. courts.

(Sec. 4) Requires Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate, prior to further reauthorization of any judgeship authorized by this Act, to: (1) conduct a review of the bankruptcy judgeships authorized by this Act to determine the need for continued reauthorization of each judgeship; (2) evaluate any changes in all bankruptcy case filings and the effect on filing fee revenue; and (3) require the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit a report on bankruptcy case workload, bankruptcy judgeship costs, and filing fee revenue.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2556-2557)
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2557)
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2557)
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8165-8167)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1021.
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8165)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8165)
- **Dec 6, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-152.
- **Jul 19, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 98.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.