

HR 4967

Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012

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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		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 27, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	May 9, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1021	Related bill	Apr 23, 2012: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
112 S 1821	Related bill	Dec 15, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 261.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 - (Sec. 2) Extends the temporary office of certain 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

- **May 25, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **May 25, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-121.
- **May 18, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **May 14, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 10, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3102-3103)
- **May 10, 2012:** Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3102-3103)
- **May 9, 2012:** Committee on Judiciary discharged.
- **May 9, 2012:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H2492-2493)
- **May 9, 2012:** Mr. Coble asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **May 9, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H2492-2493)
- **May 9, 2012:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H2492-2493)
- **May 9, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 27, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.