

HR 5951

To amend title 5, United States Code, to restore to Members of the House of Representatives an election to decline coverage under the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Jun 15, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jun 15, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/5951>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]  | R · WI        |      | Jun 27, 2012 |
| Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2] | R · VA        |      | Jun 27, 2012 |
| Rep. Walsh, Joe [R-IL-8]       | R · IL        |      | Jun 27, 2012 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Committee on House Administration         | House   | Referred To | Jun 15, 2012 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House   | Referred To | Jun 15, 2012 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Congress

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 112 HR 3774 | Related bill | <b>Jan 17, 2012:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Rules, and Ethics, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 112 HR 981  | Related bill | <b>Mar 18, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy.  |

Redefines "Member of Congress" under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) with respect to the exclusion from the meaning of "Member" as any Member of the House of Representatives, including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress, who opts out of FERS, but only if he or she served as a Member before the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004. Repeals the requirement of service before enactment of such Act. (Thus, allows Members to opt out of FERS benefits regardless of when they have been elected.)

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 15, 2012:** Introduced in House
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