

## S 866

### Patent Quality Improvement Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 6, 2013

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 6, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/866>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2766	Related bill	Sep 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

## Summary (as of May 6, 2013)

Patent Quality Improvement Act of 2013 - Amends the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to remove the eight-year sunset provision with respect to the transitional post-grant review program available to review the validity of covered business method patents, thereby making the program permanent.

Expands the term "covered business method patent" to include a patent that claims a method or corresponding apparatus for performing data processing or other operations used in the practice, administration, or management of any enterprise, product, or service, except technological inventions. (Current law limits the program to financial products or services.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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