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Judicial Administration and Improvement Act of 2016

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4457	Identical bill	Feb 29, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
114 S 2477	Related bill	Feb 1, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
114 HR 166	Related bill	Feb 2, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

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This bill divides the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit into: (1) a new Ninth Circuit, to be composed of California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and (2) a newly established Twelfth Circuit, to be composed of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, and Nevada.

The bill designates locations where the new circuits are to hold regular sessions.

The bill distributes active circuit judges of the former Ninth Circuit to the new circuits. Circuit judges and senior circuit judges currently stationed in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, or Nevada may elect their circuit assignment. For each circuit judge in regular service who elects to be assigned to the new Ninth Circuit, the President shall appoint one additional circuit judge for the Twelfth Circuit.

Actions Timeline

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