

HR 1598

Ninth Circuit Court Modernization and Twelfth Circuit Court Creation Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 276	Related bill	Feb 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S657)
115 S 295	Related bill	Feb 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 196	Related bill	Jan 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
115 HR 250	Related bill	Jan 13, 2017: 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 that consists of only California; and (2) a newly established Twelfth Circuit to be composed of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and Hawaii.

The Twelfth Circuit must hold regular sessions in Las Vegas, Phoenix, Anchorage, Missoula, Portland, and Seattle.

Each circuit judge of the former Ninth Circuit who is in regular active service and whose official duty station is currently in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands, or Nevada shall be a circuit judge of the new Ninth Circuit.

The President shall appoint, with the advice of the Senate, 17 circuit judges for the new Twelfth Circuit, selected from the states assigned to that circuit.

Senior circuit judges of the former Ninth Circuit currently stationed in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, or the Northern Mariana Islands may elect their circuit assignment.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.