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Judicial Administration and Improvement Act of 2017

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Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 2, 2017
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1598	Related bill	Mar 31, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
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, to be composed of California, Hawaii, Oregon, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and (2) a newly established Twelfth Circuit, to be composed of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Washington.

Precedent from the former Ninth Circuit shall not be binding on the Twelfth Circuit.

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, Nevada, or Washington 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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