

## S 4183

### Judicial Ads Act

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**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 2, 2020
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Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 2, 2020
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 2, 2020
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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 2, 2020
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 2, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8459	Related bill	Sep 30, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

## **Judicial Ads Act**

This bill establishes requirements for federal judicial nomination communications (i.e., advertisements).

First, the bill requires a covered organization (e.g., corporation, labor organization, or political committee) that spends more than \$50,000 in a calendar year on federal judicial nomination communications to file a statement with the Federal Election Commission. Further, the bill outlines the timing requirements for the statement and its required contents, including the disclosure of certain donors.

Next, the bill requires federal judicial nomination communications to contain disclaimers that identify the person who funded the communication.

Finally, it prohibits foreign nationals and foreign-influenced corporations from funding a federal judicial nomination communication.

## **Actions Timeline**

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