

## S 909

### Separation of Powers Restoration Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 6, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7895	Related bill	<b>Jul 31, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1927	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

## **Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2019**

This bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo (i.e., without giving deference to the agency's interpretation) all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of (1) constitutional and statutory provisions, and (2) rules made by agencies. Further, this bill prohibits reviewing courts from deferring to an agency's interpretation of a question of law when the authorizing statutory or regulatory provision is silent or ambiguous with respect to an agency's authority.

No law may exempt a civil action from the standard of review required by this bill except by specific reference to such provision.

## **Actions Timeline**

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