

## S 1302

Social Security Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 22, 2021
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Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 22, 2021
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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 22, 2021
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 11, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 11, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 12, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 12, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 22, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 2, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 16, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 24, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 9, 2022
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 6, 2022

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 7, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 22, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 82	Related bill	Sep 21, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 372.

## Summary (as of Apr 22, 2021)

### Social Security Fairness Act

This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government.

The bill eliminates the *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security survivors' benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.

The bill also eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.

These changes are effective for benefits payable after December 2021.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.