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Social Security Fairness Act

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Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 27, 2021
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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

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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
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