

HR 6577

Real Courts, Rule of Law Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Apr 4, 2022

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 20, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 20, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Real Courts, Rule of Law Act of 2022

This bill establishes the U.S. Immigration Courts, a system of courts to be independent of the executive branch. The bill also transfers all functions of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) to the Immigration Courts, with some exceptions. (Currently, the EOIR, located in the Department of Justice, has authority to adjudicate immigration cases.)

The trial division of the Immigration Courts shall have jurisdiction over various immigration-related matters, including (1) removal proceedings, (2) reviews of rescissions of lawful permanent resident status, and (3) reviews of credible fear determinations in applications for refugee status. The appellate division shall have jurisdiction over appeals of decisions by the trial division and certain Department of Homeland Security determinations.

The bill establishes various requirements and authorities relating to the Immigration Courts, including qualifications, length of term in office, and mandatory retirement age for judges. Each appellate division judge must be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the appellate division shall appoint the trial division judges.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-649, Part I.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 468.
- **May 11, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 12.
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.