

S 227

Improving Access to Our Courts Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Feb 2, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-73.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-73. (Jul 30, 2024)

Law: 118-73 (Enacted Jul 30, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/227>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 2, 2023
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 2, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 2, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 786	Related bill	Nov 14, 2023: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 245.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2024)

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This bill adds Alpine to the list of places where court must be held in the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas.

Additionally, the bill adds Mount Vernon to the list of places where court must be held in the Western District of Washington.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-73.
- **Jul 25, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4743)
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 3 (Roll no. 362). (text: 07/22/2024 CR H4656)
- **Jul 23, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 3 (Roll no. 362). (text: 07/22/2024 CR H4656)
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4656)
- **Jul 22, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 227.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 2, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S538; text: CR S538)
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S538; text: CR S538)
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.