

## S 4199

JUDGES Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Apr 19, 2024

**Current Status:** Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk. (Jan 3, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/4199>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 19, 2024
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 8, 2024
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 8, 2024
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 8, 2024
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 8, 2024
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2024
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 9, 2024
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2024
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 24, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 18, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8666	Related bill	<b>Jan 4, 2025:</b> Became Public Law No: 118-250.
118 S 5465	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Held at the desk.
118 HRES 1612	Procedurally related	<b>Dec 10, 2024:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 9625	Related bill	<b>Sep 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 2759	Related bill	<b>Sep 11, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2910	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024 or the JUDGES Act of 2024**

This bill creates 63 new permanent U.S. district court judgeships over a 10-year period and 3 temporary U.S. district court judgeships in 2025. The President must appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, additional judges for specified judicial districts.

Specifically, the bill creates 63 additional permanent judgeships, which are added every two years from 2025 through 2035. The state and the total number of judgeships added over the 10-year period for the state are as follows:

- Arizona (2),
- California (21),
- Colorado (2),
- Delaware (2),
- Florida (9),
- Georgia (2),
- Idaho (1),
- Indiana (1),
- Iowa (1),
- Nebraska (1),
- New Jersey (3),
- New York (5), and
- Texas (13).

Additionally, in 2025, the bill creates three temporary judgeships in Oklahoma.

The bill adds locations for where district courts must be held in certain states. Specifically, the bill requires the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California to be additionally held in El Centro, California; the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston Division) to be additionally held in College Station, Texas; and the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah (Central Division) to be additionally held in Moab and Monticello, Utah.

The Government Accountability Office must submit reports to Congress on judicial caseloads and detention space.

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts must make publicly accessible, and submit to Congress, a specified biennial report on judgeship recommendations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 3, 2025:** Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Vetoed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1612. (consideration: CR H7116-7124)
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7673 and S. 4199. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 7673 and S. 4199 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate on each bill and one motion to recommit on H.R. 7673 and one motion to commit on S. 4199. The resolution also provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5009 with one hour of general debate.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 4199.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 236 - 173 (Roll no. 501). (text: CR H7116-7119)
- **Dec 12, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 236 - 173 (Roll no. 501). (text: CR H7116-7119)
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1612 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7673 and S. 4199. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 7673 and S. 4199 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate on each bill and one motion to recommit on H.R. 7673 and one motion to commit on S. 4199. The resolution also provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5009 with one hour of general debate.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Rule H. Res. 1612 passed House.
- **Aug 6, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 6, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 2, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5750-5753; text: CR S5750-5752)
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5750-5753; text: CR S5750-5752)
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Coons for Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 430.
- **Jun 13, 2024:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 19, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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