

HR 1702

JUDGES Act of 2025

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Policy Area: Law

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 5, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1929	Related bill	Mar 6, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 S 32	Related bill	Feb 13, 2025: Held at the desk.
119 HR 625	Related bill	Jan 22, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2025)

Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2025 or the JUDGES Act of 2025

This bill creates 64 U.S. district court judgeships—63 permanent and 1 temporary—and expands the jurisdictional coverage of two district courts.

Specifically, the bill creates 63 new permanent judgeships across 14 states over a 10-year period beginning in 2025. The state and total number of judgeships added over the 10-year period are as follows:

- Arizona (1),
- California (20),
- Colorado (2),
- Delaware (2),
- Florida (9),
- Georgia (2),
- Idaho (1),
- Indiana (1),
- Iowa (1),
- Nebraska (1),
- New Jersey (3),
- New York (5),
- Oklahoma (2), and
- Texas (13).

Additionally, the bill creates one temporary judgeship in the Eastern District of Oklahoma in 2025.

Finally, the bill adds locations where court must be held in two district courts—one in California and one in Texas. Specifically, the bill adds College Station to the list of places where court must be held in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas. Also, the bill adds El Centro to the list of places where court must be held in the Southern District of California.

The bill directs the Government Accountability Office to submit reports to Congress on judicial caseloads and detention space.

The bill also directs the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to make available on its website the biennial report by the Judicial Conference of the United States on judgeship recommendations.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
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