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Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 18, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 1, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill revises the federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association to shift authority from the charter to the bylaws.

Specifically, it makes the following changes:

- removes the requirement for the foundation to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia;
- requires the board of directors to decide, and specify in the bylaws, the location of the principal office;
- specifies that the bylaws—not the charter—must provide for the terms of membership, the responsibilities of the board of directors, and the election of officers;
- prohibits a director or officer, in his or her corporate capacity, from contributing to, supporting, or participating in political activities;
- allows income and assets of the corporation to be used to reasonably compensate or reimburse expenses of an officer, director, or member; to award a grant to the Federal Bar Association chapter of an officer, director, or member; and to reasonably compensate employees;
- expands a prohibition on loans for directors and officers to include members and employees; and
- specifies that on dissolution or final liquidation, any remaining assets must be distributed as provided by the board of directors instead of deposited in the Treasury.

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