



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 3, 2004

H.R. 1303

**An act to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect
to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on June 2, 2004*

H.R. 1303 would amend the E-Government Act of 2002 to allow the identification of redacted material to protect sensitive information contained in documents filed electronically, or converted to electronic form, with the federal court system. (A redacted document is a record that has been edited to prevent public disclosure of information.) Under H.R. 1303, documents filed with the federal courts could be filed in either of two ways—filing an unredacted (i.e., unedited) version under seal with a redacted version for public use, or filing a redacted version for public use and a reference list under seal that identifies redacted information for the court.

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant effect on federal spending based on information from the Judicial Conference of the United States. These procedures are not expected to have a significant impact on court costs. Enacting H.R. 1303 would not affect direct spending or revenues. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 22, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1303, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 16, 2003. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the estimates.

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