



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 1, 1998

**S. 2176**

**Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on June 17, 1998*

S. 2176 would amend the Vacancies Act to clarify requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to executive branch positions, including limitations on the amount of time that unconfirmed appointees can remain in office. It also would require the head of each executive branch agency to submit certain information regarding vacancies and appointments to the General Accounting Office. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2176 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2176 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.

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