



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

February 13, 2007

S. 214

Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on February 8, 2007

CBO estimates that enacting S. 214 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. S. 214 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.

Under current law, the Attorney General may appoint an interim United States attorney to serve for an indefinite period of time until a vacancy is filled by the President with the advice and consent of the United States Senate. S. 214 would limit such interim appointments to a maximum of 120 days. Upon expiration of any interim appointment made by the Attorney General, the district court would be granted authority to appoint a United States attorney to serve until the vacancy is filled.

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