



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 19, 2007

### **H.R. 580**

**A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 15, 2007*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 580 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

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. H.R. 580 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.

H.R. 580 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 February 13, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 214, the Preserving United States Attorneys Independence Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on February 8, 2007. The two bills are similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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