



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1303

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

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on July 16, 2003*

H.R. 1303 would amend the E-Government Act of 2003 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 bill 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 bill 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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