



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 31, 2011

**S. 1636  
Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on October 13, 2011*

S. 1636 would make several changes to judicial procedures, including the determination of original jurisdiction and court venue for certain types of cases. S. 1636 would specify the court of original jurisdiction for certain cases involving resident aliens and corporations. In addition, S. 1636 would change how the venues for federal court cases are determined, particularly when the cases involve multiple districts.

Based on information from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1636 would have no significant budgetary impact. Enacting S. 1636 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1636 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 3, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 394, the Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on January 26, 2011. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and CBO's cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Martin von Gnechten. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.