



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 24, 2013

**H.R. 2871**

**A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 11, 2013*

H.R. 2871 would consolidate the southern judicial district in the state of Mississippi from five divisions to four. Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the Department of Justice, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The courthouse in Meridian, Mississippi, is the sole courthouse for the existing eastern division and is scheduled to close under current law.

CBO estimates that the cost of consolidation and any potential savings from operating fewer courthouses would not be significantly different from the costs to the district under the scheduled closing of the Meridian courthouse. Enacting H.R. 2871 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2871 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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