



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 31, 2011

**S. 1637  
Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011**

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

S. 1637 would codify a recent amendment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. Current law allows 60 days to file a notice of appeal for civil cases if the United States or a federal officer is a party; however, it is unclear whether this time period applies if current or former federal employees are sued in an individual capacity in connection to their federal employment. This legislation would clarify that it does.

Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, CBO estimates that S. 1637 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1637 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 August 4, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2633, the Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 27, 2011. The two pieces of legislation are very similar, and the estimated costs are the same.

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