



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 18, 2018

S. 2785 DETER Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on October 11, 2018

S. 2785 would deny admission to the United States to aliens who have interfered in U.S. elections or who are seeking admission in order to do so. Under the bill's provisions, aliens in the United States who interfere in elections would be deportable. The legislation could affect spending by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on admissions and deportations. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on discretionary spending by DHS because of the small number of persons likely to be affected.

Enacting S. 2785 could increase the number of people who would be denied visas by the Department of State. Most visa fees are retained by the department and spent without further appropriation, but some fees are deposited in the Treasury as revenues. Because enacting the legislation would affect direct spending and revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2785 would affect very few additional people and thus would have insignificant effects on both revenues and direct spending.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2785 would not increase net direct spending or significantly increase on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 2785 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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