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# H. R. 3183

To impose certain conditions with respect to the appointment of masters  
in Federal actions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANZULLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To impose certain conditions with respect to the appointment  
of masters in Federal actions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO APPOINTMENT**

4 **OF MASTERS.**

5 In any case in which a Federal court appoints a mas-  
6 ter to carry out functions with respect to an action before  
7 that court, the following shall apply:

8 (1) The individual appointed as the master  
9 must be a resident of the State in which the action  
10 is pending.

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1           (2) Any party to the action for which the mas-  
2           ter is appointed may, within 10 days after receiving  
3           notice of the appointment, petition the court for re-  
4           moval of the master without cause. No party may  
5           file more than 1 petition under this paragraph.

6           (3) Any party to the action for which the mas-  
7           ter is appointed may petition the court at any time  
8           for removal of the master for the following reasons:

9                   (A) Misfeasance or malfeasance in office.

10                   (B) Noncompliance with paragraph (1).

11                   (C) If the duties of the master are duplica-  
12           tive of those of an existing official of the politi-  
13           cal subdivision with respect to which the action  
14           before the court was brought.

15   The court shall, within 21 days after a petition under  
16   paragraph (2) or (3) is filed, hold a hearing for the pur-  
17   pose of ruling on the petition.

18   **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY.**

19           This Act applies to any action pending on the date  
20   of the enactment of this Act and to any action commenced  
21   on or after such date.

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