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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. BERMAN) (both by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Section 1. Short title; table of contents.

- Sec. 101. Bankruptcy administrator authority to appoint trustees, examiners, and committee of creditors.
- Sec. 102. Place of holding court in the eastern district of Texas.
- Sec. 103. Conditions of probation and supervised release.
- Sec. 104. Enforcement of National Labor Relations Board orders.
- Sec. 105. Repeal of geographic location requirement for court records.
- Sec. 106. Reporting of wiretap orders.
- Sec. 107. Clarifying the scope of diversity of citizenship for resident aliens.
- Sec. 108. Authority of district courts regarding jurors.
- Sec. 109. Deletion of automatic excuse from jury service for members of the armed forces, members of fire and police departments, and public officers.
- Sec. 110. Elimination of the public drawing requirements for selection of juror wheels.
- Sec. 111. Supplemental attendance fee for petit jurors serving on lengthy trials.

TITLE II—JUDICIAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS,  
AND PROTECTIONS

- Sec. 201. Disability retirement and cost-of-living adjustments of annuities for territorial judges.
- Sec. 202. Federal judicial center personnel matters.
- Sec. 203. Annual leave limit for judicial branch executives.
- Sec. 204. Supplemental benefits program.
- Sec. 205. Law clerk loan deferment.
- Sec. 206. Inclusion of judicial branch personnel in organ donor leave program.
- Sec. 207. Repeal of requirement for additional legislative action regarding judicial compensation.
- Sec. 208. Maximum amounts of compensation for services other than counsel.
- Sec. 209. Student loan forgiveness for Federal defenders.
- Sec. 210. Protection against malicious recording of fictitious liens against Federal judges.

1           **TITLE I—JUDICIAL PROCESS**  
2                           **IMPROVEMENTS**

3   **SEC. 101. BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORITY TO**  
4                           **APPOINT TRUSTEES, EXAMINERS, AND COM-**  
5                           **MITTEE OF CREDITORS.**

6           (a) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES.—Until the amend-  
7 ments made by subtitle A of title II of the Bankruptcy  
8 Judges, United States Trustees, and Family Farmer  
9 Bankruptcy Act of 1986 (28 U.S.C. 581 note) become ef-  
10 fective in a judicial district and apply to a case, a bank-  
11 ruptcy administrator appointed to serve in the district

1 pursuant to section 302(d)(3)(I) of that Act, shall appoint  
2 the trustees, examiners, and standing trustees, notwith-  
3 standing any reference in title 11, United States Code,  
4 to appointments by the court.

5 (b) STANDING TRUSTEES.—A bankruptcy adminis-  
6 trator who has appointed a standing trustee pursuant to  
7 subsection (a) of this section shall fix the standing trust-  
8 ee’s maximum annual compensation and percentage fee,  
9 subject to the limitations set out in section 586(e)(1)(A)  
10 of title 28, United States Code. The bankruptcy adminis-  
11 trator shall fix the maximum annual compensation and  
12 percentage fee notwithstanding any reference in title 11,  
13 United States Code, to the court’s authority to fix them.

14 (c) SERVICE AS TRUSTEE.—A bankruptcy adminis-  
15 trator may serve as and perform the duties of a trustee  
16 in a case under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code,  
17 if none of the members of the panel of private trustees  
18 is disinterested and willing to serve as trustee in the case.  
19 A bankruptcy administrator may serve as and perform the  
20 duties of a trustee or standing trustee in cases under  
21 chapter 12 or chapter 13 of title 11, United States Code,  
22 if necessary.

23 (d) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.—Until the  
24 amendments made by subtitle A of title II of the Bank-  
25 ruptcy Judges, United States Trustees and Family Farm-

1 er Bankruptcy Act of 1986 become effective in a judicial  
2 district and apply to a case, the bankruptcy administrator  
3 appointed to serve in the district shall appoint the commit-  
4 tees of creditors and equity security holders provided in  
5 section 1102 of title 11, United States Code. The bank-  
6 ruptcy administrator shall appoint the committees not-  
7 withstanding any reference in title 11, United States  
8 Code, to appointments by the court.

9 **SEC. 102. PLACE OF HOLDING COURT IN THE EASTERN DIS-**  
10 **TRICT OF TEXAS.**

11 Section 124(e) of title 28, United States Code, is  
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (3)—

14 (A) by striking “Denton, and Grayson”  
15 and inserting “Delta, Denton, Fannin, Grayson,  
16 Hopkins, and Lamar”; and

17 (B) by inserting “and Plano” after “held  
18 at Sherman”;

19 (2) by striking paragraph (4) and redesignating  
20 paragraphs (5) through (7) as paragraphs (4)  
21 through (6), respectively; and

22 (3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by in-  
23 serting “Red River,” after “Franklin,”.

1 **SEC. 103. CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED**  
2 **RELEASE.**

3 (a) CONDITIONS OF PROBATION.—Section  
4 3563(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
5 by striking “(b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(13),” and inserting  
6 “(b)(2) or (b)(12), unless the court has imposed a fine  
7 under this chapter, or”.

8 (b) SUPERVISED RELEASE AFTER IMPRISONMENT.—  
9 Section 3583(d) of title 18, United States Code, is amend-  
10 ed by striking “section 3563(b)(1)” and all that follows  
11 through “appropriate.” and inserting “section 3563(b)  
12 and any other condition it considers to be appropriate, ex-  
13 cept that a condition set forth in subsection 3563(b)(10)  
14 shall be imposed only for a violation of a condition of su-  
15 pervised release in accordance with subsection (e)(2) of  
16 this section and only when facilities are available.”.

17 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
18 3563(b)(10) of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
19 by inserting “or supervised release” after “probation”.

20 **SEC. 104. ENFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS**  
21 **BOARD ORDERS.**

22 Section 10 of the National Labor Relations Act (29  
23 U.S.C. 160) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (e)—

25 (A) by inserting after “(e)” the following:

26 “REVIEW OF ORDER; REHEARING.—”;

1 (B) by striking the first sentence;

2 (C) in the second sentence, by striking  
3 “Upon the filing” and all that follows through  
4 “thereupon” and inserting “Upon the filing of  
5 a petition for review under subsection (e), the  
6 court”; and

7 (D) in the last sentence, by striking “by  
8 the appropriate United States court of appeals  
9 if application was made to the district court as  
10 hereinabove provided, and”;

11 (2) in subsection (f)—

12 (A) by inserting after “(f)” the following:  
13 “PETITION FOR REVIEW OF BOARD  
14 ORDER.—”;

15 (B) in the first sentence by inserting  
16 “, within 60 days after the date of the order,”  
17 after “by filing in such a court”; and

18 (C) by striking the last sentence;

19 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
20 subsections (f) and (e), respectively, and by revers-  
21 ing the order of such subsections;

22 (4) in subsection (g), by striking “or (f)”; and

23 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
24 section:

1           “(n) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER; INJUNC-  
2 TIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE EQUITABLE RELIEF.—  
3 If any person violates a final order issued by the Board  
4 with respect to an unfair labor practice, the Board may  
5 petition any United States district court in which the un-  
6 fair labor practice occurred, or in which such person re-  
7 sides or transacts business, for imposition of a civil pen-  
8 alty not to exceed \$10,000 for each day on which such  
9 person violates the order. The United States district  
10 courts shall have jurisdiction to impose such a penalty  
11 through civil proceedings. In such actions, the United  
12 States district courts may grant injunctions and such  
13 other equitable relief as they deem appropriate in the en-  
14 forcement of such final orders of the Board.”.

15 **SEC. 105. REPEAL OF GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION REQUIRE-**  
16 **MENT FOR COURT RECORDS.**

17           Section 457 of title 28, United States Code, is  
18 amended in the first paragraph—

19           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “at one or  
20 more of the places where court is held” and insert-  
21 ing “by the clerks of the respective courts”; and

22           (2) by striking the second sentence.

1 **SEC. 106. REPORTING OF WIRETAP ORDERS.**

2 Paragraph (1) of section 2519 of title 18, United  
3 States Code, is amended by striking all that precedes  
4 “(a)” and inserting the following:

5 “(1) In January of each year, any judge who has  
6 issued an order (or extension thereof) under section 2518  
7 which expired during the preceding year or who has denied  
8 approval of an interception during that year, shall report  
9 to the Administrative Office of the United States  
10 Courts—”.

11 **SEC. 107. CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF DIVERSITY OF CITI-  
12 ZENSHIP FOR RESIDENT ALIENS.**

13 Section 1332(a) of title 28, United States Code, is  
14 amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the  
15 following: “The district courts shall not have original ju-  
16 risdiction under paragraph (2) or (3) where the matter  
17 in controversy is between a citizen of a State and a citizen  
18 or subject of a foreign state admitted to the United States  
19 for permanent residence and domiciled in the same  
20 State.”.

21 **SEC. 108. AUTHORITY OF DISTRICT COURTS REGARDING  
22 JURORS.**

23 Section 1866(g) of title 28, United States Code, is  
24 amended in the first sentence—

25 (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “may”;  
26 and

1 (2) by striking “his” and inserting “the”.

2 **SEC. 109. DELETION OF AUTOMATIC EXCUSE FROM JURY**  
3 **SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
4 **FORCES, MEMBERS OF FIRE AND POLICE DE-**  
5 **PARTMENTS, AND PUBLIC OFFICERS.**

6 (a) REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION.—Section 1863(b) of  
7 title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking para-  
8 graph (6) and redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as  
9 paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section  
11 1865(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in  
12 the first sentence by striking “, or exempt,”.

13 (2) Section 1866 of title 28, United States Code, is  
14 amended—

15 (A) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by  
16 striking “exempt or”;

17 (B) in the first sentence of subsection (c)—

18 (i) by striking “or (6)”;

19 (ii) by striking “excused, or exempt” and  
20 inserting “or excused”;

21 (C) in the first sentence of subsection (d), by  
22 striking “exempt,”;

23 (3) Section 1869 of title 28, United States Code, is  
24 amended—

1 (A) in the first sentence of subsection (h), by  
2 striking “or exempted”; and

3 (B) by repealing subsection (i).

4 (c) DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTION FROM SERVICE.—

5 (1) Section 982 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (A) by amending the section heading to read as  
8 follows:

9 **“§ 982. Members: service on Federal, State, and local**  
10 **juries”;**

11 and

12 (B) by striking “State or” and inserting “Fed-  
13 eral, State, or”.

14 (2) The item relating to section 982 in the table of  
15 sections for chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code,  
16 is amended to read as follows:

“982. Members: service on Federal, State, and local juries.”.

17 **SEC. 110. ELIMINATION OF THE PUBLIC DRAWING RE-**  
18 **QUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION OF JUROR**  
19 **WHEELS.**

20 (a) DRAWING OF NAMES FROM JURY WHEEL.—Sec-  
21 tion 1864(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “publicly”;  
23 and

24 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
25 lowing new sentence: “The clerk or jury commission

1 shall post a general notice for public review in the  
2 clerk’s office explaining the process by which names  
3 are periodically and randomly drawn.”.

4 (b) SELECTION AND SUMMONING OF JURY PAN-  
5 ELS.—Section 1866(a) of title 28, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in the second sentence, by striking “pub-  
8 licly”; and

9 (2) by inserting after the second sentence the  
10 following new sentence: “The clerk or jury commis-  
11 sion shall post a general notice for public review in  
12 the clerk’s office explaining the process by which  
13 names are periodically and randomly drawn.”.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1869(k) of  
15 title 28, United States Code, is repealed.

16 **SEC. 111. SUPPLEMENTAL ATTENDANCE FEE FOR PETIT**  
17 **JURORS SERVING ON LENGTHY TRIALS.**

18 Section 1871(b)(2) of title 28, United States Code,  
19 is amended by striking “thirty” each place it appears and  
20 inserting “five”.

1 **TITLE II—JUDICIAL PERSONNEL**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS,**  
3 **AND PROTECTIONS**

4 **SEC. 201. DISABILITY RETIREMENT AND COST-OF-LIVING**  
5 **ADJUSTMENTS OF ANNUITIES FOR TERRI-**  
6 **TORIAL JUDGES.**

7 Section 373 of title 28, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by amending subsection (c)(4) to read as  
10 follows:

11 “(4) Any senior judge performing judicial duties pur-  
12 suant to recall under paragraph (2) of this subsection  
13 shall be paid, while performing such duties, the same com-  
14 pensation (in lieu of the annuity payable under this sec-  
15 tion) and the same allowances for travel and other ex-  
16 penses as a judge on active duty with the court being  
17 served.”;

18 (2) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
19 lows:

20 “(e)(1) Any judge of the District Court of Guam, the  
21 District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the  
22 District Court of the Virgin Islands who is not reappointed  
23 (as judge of such court) shall be entitled, upon attaining  
24 the age of sixty-five years or upon relinquishing office if  
25 the judge is then beyond the age of sixty-five years—

1           “(A) if the judicial service of such judge, con-  
2           tinuous or otherwise, aggregates fifteen years or  
3           more, to receive during the remainder of such  
4           judge’s life an annuity equal to the salary received  
5           when the judge left office; or

6           “(B) if such judicial service, continuous or oth-  
7           erwise, aggregated less than fifteen years, to receive  
8           during the remainder of such judge’s life an annuity  
9           equal to that proportion of such salary which the ag-  
10          ggregate number of such judge’s years of service  
11          bears to fifteen.

12          “(2) Any judge of the District Court of Guam, the  
13          District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the  
14          District Court of the Virgin Islands who has served at  
15          least five years, continuously or otherwise, and who retires  
16          or is removed upon the sole ground of mental or physical  
17          disability, shall be entitled to receive during the remainder  
18          of such judge’s life an annuity equal to 40 percent of the  
19          salary received when the judge left office or, in the case  
20          of a judge who has served at least ten years, continuously  
21          or otherwise, an annuity equal to that proportion of such  
22          salary which the aggregate number of such judge’s years  
23          of judicial service bears to fifteen.”; and

24                 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
25          lows:

1 “(g) Any retired judge who is entitled to receive an  
2 annuity under this section shall be entitled to a cost-of-  
3 living adjustment in the amount computed as specified in  
4 section 8340(b) of title 5, except that in no case may the  
5 annuity payable to such retired judge, as increased under  
6 this subsection, exceed the salary of a judge in regular  
7 active service with the court on which the retired judge  
8 served before retiring.”.

9 **SEC. 202. FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER PERSONNEL MAT-**  
10 **TERS.**

11 Section 625 of title 28, United States Code, is  
12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking “, United States Code,”;

15 (B) by striking “pay rates, section 5316,  
16 title 5, United States Code” and inserting  
17 “under section 5316 of title 5, except that the  
18 Director may fix the compensation of 4 posi-  
19 tions of the Center at a level not to exceed the  
20 annual rate of pay in effect for level IV of the  
21 Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title  
22 5”; and

23 (C) by striking “the Civil Service” and all  
24 that follows through “Code” and inserting  
25 “subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5 shall be

1 adjusted pursuant to the provisions of section  
2 8344 of such title, and the salary of a reem-  
3 ployed annuitant under chapter 84 of title 5  
4 shall be adjusted pursuant to the provisions of  
5 section 8468 of such title”;

6 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “, United  
7 States Code,”; and

8 (3) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by striking “United States Code,”; and

10 (B) by striking “, section 5332, title 5,  
11 United States Code” and inserting “under sec-  
12 tion 5332 of title 5”.

13 **SEC. 203. ANNUAL LEAVE LIMIT FOR JUDICIAL BRANCH**  
14 **EXECUTIVES.**

15 Section 6304(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
19 and inserting “; or”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(F) the Judicial Branch designated as a court  
22 unit executive position by the Judicial Conference of  
23 the United States or designated as an executive posi-  
24 tion in the Federal Judicial Center by the Board of  
25 the Federal Judicial Center.”.

1 **SEC. 204. SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

2 Section 604(a) of title 28, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through  
5 (24) as paragraphs (7) through (25), respectively;  
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(6) In the Director’s discretion, establish a  
10 program of benefits, in addition to those otherwise  
11 provided by law, for officers and employees of the ju-  
12 dicial branch, including justices and judges of the  
13 United States;”.

14 **SEC. 205. LAW CLERK LOAN DEFERMENT.**

15 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT LOANS.**—Section  
16 427(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
17 1077(a)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “and”  
19 after the semicolon;

20 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and  
21 inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(5) in the case of a borrower who is serving  
25 as a full-time judicial law clerk in a court as defined  
26 in section 610 of title 28, United States Code, pay-

1       ment of the unpaid principal balance and interest on  
2       a federally-insured student loan may be deferred for  
3       a period not in excess of 3 years.”.

4       (b) FEDERAL PAYMENTS OF STUDENT INTEREST.—  
5       Section 428(b)(1)(M)(i) of the Higher Education Act of  
6       1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(1)(M)(i)) is amended—

7             (1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” after the  
8       semicolon;

9             (2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma  
10       and inserting “; or”; and

11            (3) by inserting after subclause (II) the fol-  
12       lowing new subclause:

13                               “(III) is serving as a full-time ju-  
14                               dicial law clerk in a court as defined  
15                               in section 610 of title 28, United  
16                               States Code,”.

17       (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOANS.—Section  
18       455(f)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
19       U.S.C. 1087e(f)(2)(A)) is amended—

20             (1) in clause (i), by striking “or” after the  
21       semicolon;

22             (2) in clause (ii), by striking the comma and in-  
23       serting “; or”; and

24             (3) by inserting after clause (ii) the following  
25       new clause:

1                   “(iii) is serving as a full-time judicial  
2                   law clerk, in a court as defined in section  
3                   610 of title 28, United States Code,”.

4           (d) TERMS OF LOANS.—Section 464(c)(2)(A) of the  
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
6 1087dd(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

7           (1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” after the  
8           semicolon;

9           (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “or” after the  
10          semicolon; and

11          (3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following  
12          new clause:

13               “(v) not in excess of 3 years during which the  
14          borrower is serving as a full-time judicial law clerk  
15          in a court as defined in section 610 of title 28,  
16          United States Code;”.

17          (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section apply to loans made after July 1, 1998, and  
19 to employment as a judicial clerk that occurs on or after  
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 206. INCLUSION OF JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL IN**  
22 **ORGAN DONOR LEAVE PROGRAM.**

23          Section 6327(a) of title 5, United States Code, is  
24 amended by inserting “or an entity of the judicial branch”  
25 after “An employee in or under an Executive agency”.

1 **SEC. 207. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL**  
2 **LEGISLATIVE ACTION REGARDING JUDICIAL**  
3 **COMPENSATION.**

4 Section 140 of Public Law 97–92 (28 U.S.C. 461  
5 note; 95 Stat. 1200) is repealed.

6 **SEC. 208. MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION FOR**  
7 **SERVICES OTHER THAN COUNSEL.**

8 Subsection (e) of section 3006A of title 18, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
12 “\$300” and inserting “\$500”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
14 “\$300” and inserting “\$500”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$1,000” and  
16 inserting “\$1,600”.

17 **SEC. 209. STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR FEDERAL DE-**  
18 **FENDERS.**

19 Section 465(a)(2)(F) of the Higher Education Act of  
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ee(a)(2)(F)) is amended by insert-  
21 ing before the semicolon the following: “, or as a full-time  
22 Federal defender attorney employed in a defender organi-  
23 zation established pursuant to subsection (g) of section  
24 3006A of title 18, United States Code”.

1 **SEC. 210. PROTECTION AGAINST MALICIOUS RECORDING**  
2 **OF FICTITIOUS LIENS AGAINST FEDERAL**  
3 **JUDGES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 73 of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the  
6 following:

7 **“§ 1519. Retaliating against a Federal judge by false**  
8 **claim or slander of title**

9 “(a) Whoever files or attempts to file, in any public  
10 record or in any private record which is generally available  
11 to the public, any lien, encumbrance, civil claim, or other  
12 document against a Federal Judge or against the real or  
13 personal property of a Federal Judge, knowing or having  
14 reason to know that such claim, lien, encumbrance, or doc-  
15 ument is false or contains any materially false, fictitious,  
16 or fraudulent statement or representation, shall be fined  
17 under this title or imprisoned for not more than five years,  
18 or both. In the case of an offense under this subsection  
19 which was committed after the defendant had previously  
20 been convicted of an earlier offense under this subsection,  
21 the defendant shall be fined under this title or imprisoned  
22 for not more than ten years, or both.

23 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘Federal Judge’  
24 means a justice or judge of the United States as defined  
25 in section 451 of title 28, a judge of the United States  
26 Court of Federal Claims, a United States bankruptcy

1 judge, a United States magistrate judge, and a judge of  
2 the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces,  
3 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims,  
4 United States Tax Court, District Court of Guam, District  
5 Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, or District Court  
6 of the Virgin Islands.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
8 at the beginning of chapter 73 of title 18, United States  
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
10 item:

“1519. Retaliating against a Federal judge by false claim or slander of title.”.

