



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 12, 2014

### **H.R. 4197** **All Circuit Review Extension Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on July 31, 2014*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4197 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The legislation could affect direct spending by agencies not funded through the annual appropriations (such as the Tennessee Valley Authority); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that any net increase in spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 4197 would extend for three years the right of federal employees who appeal a judgment of the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) to file their appeal at any federal court, instead of only the U.S. Court of Appeals. Based on information from the MSPB and the Office of Special Counsel, CBO expects that allowing appeals to be filed in any federal circuit would lead to a small increase in the administrative burden of the MSPB and federal agencies. We estimate, however, that the costs associated with that increase would not be significant.

H.R. 4197 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 1, 2014, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4197 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on March 12, 2014. The two versions of the legislation are identical, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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