

Public Law 100-352  
100th Congress

An Act

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[S. 952]

To improve the administration of justice by providing greater discretion to the Supreme Court in selecting the cases it will review, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. Section 1252 of title 28, United States Code, and the item relating to that section in the section analysis of chapter 81 of such title, are repealed.

REVIEW OF DECISIONS INVALIDATING STATE STATUTES

SEC. 2. (a) Section 1254 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

(b) The section heading for section 1254 of such title is amended by striking out "appeal;"

(c) The item relating to section 1254 in the section analysis of chapter 81 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "appeal;"

REVIEW OF STATE COURT DECISIONS INVOLVING VALIDITY OF STATUTES

SEC. 3. Section 1257 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 1257. State courts; certiorari**

"(a) Final judgments or decrees rendered by the highest court of a State in which a decision could be had, may be reviewed by the Supreme Court by writ of certiorari where the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States is drawn in question or where the validity of a statute of any State is drawn in question on the ground of its being repugnant to the Constitution, treaties, or laws of the United States, or where any title, right, privilege, or immunity is specially set up or claimed under the Constitution or the treaties or statutes of, or any commission held or authority exercised under, the United States.

"(b) For the purposes of this section, the term 'highest court of a State' includes the District of Columbia Court of Appeals."

REVIEW OF DECISIONS FROM SUPREME COURT OF PUERTO RICO

SEC. 4. Section 1258 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 1258. Supreme Court of Puerto Rico; certiorari**

"Final judgments or decrees rendered by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be reviewed by the Supreme Court by writ of certiorari where the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States is drawn in question or where the validity of a statute of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is drawn in question on

the ground of its being repugnant to the Constitution, treaties, or laws of the United States, or where any title, right, privilege, or immunity is specially set up or claimed under the Constitution or the treaties or statutes of, or any commission held or authority exercised under, the United States.”.

#### CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

SEC. 5. (a) The items relating to sections 1257 and 1258 in the section analysis of chapter 81 of title 28, United States Code, are amended to read as follows:

“1257. State courts; certiorari.

“1258. Supreme Court of Puerto Rico; certiorari.”.

(b) Section 2101(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out “sections 1252, 1253 and 2282” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 1253”.

(c) Section 2103 of title 28, United States Code, and the item relating to such section in the table of sections for chapter 133 of such title are repealed.

(d)(1) Section 2104 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### “§ 2104. Reviews of State court decisions

“A review by the Supreme Court of a judgment or decree of a State court shall be conducted in the same manner and under the same regulations, and shall have the same effect, as if the judgment or decree reviewed had been rendered in a court of the United States.”.

(2) The item relating to section 2104 in the section analysis of chapter 133 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“2104. Reviews of State court decisions.”.

(e) Section 2350(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out “1254(3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “1254(2)”.

#### AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

SEC. 6. (a) Section 310 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437h) is amended by repealing subsection (b), and by striking out “(a)” before “The Commission”.

(b) Section 2 of the Act of May 18, 1928 (25 U.S.C. 652), is amended by striking out “, with the right of either party to appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit”.

(c) The last sentence of section 203(d) of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (43 U.S.C. 1652(d)) is amended to read as follows: “An interlocutory or final judgment, decree, or order of such district court may be reviewed only upon petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States.”.

(d) Section 209(e)(3) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 719(e)(3)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by striking out “, except that” and all that follows through the end of the sentence and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

(2) in the second sentence by striking out “petition or appeal shall be filed” and inserting in lieu thereof “such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court”.

(e) Section 303(d) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 743(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) REVIEW.—A finding or determination entered by the special court pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or section 306 of this title shall be reviewable only upon petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States. Such review is exclusive and any such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court not more than 20 days after entry of such finding or determination.”.

(f) Section 1152(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (45 U.S.C. 1105(b)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by striking out “, except that” and all that follows through the end of the sentence and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

(2) in the second sentence by striking out “petition or appeal shall be filed” and inserting in lieu thereof “such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court”.

(g) Section 206 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C. 1631e) is amended by striking out “sections 1252, 1254, 1291, and 1292” and inserting in lieu thereof “chapter 83”.

(h) Section 12(a) of the Act of May 13, 1954, commonly known as the Saint Lawrence Seaway Act (33 U.S.C. 988(a)), is amended by striking out “1254(3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “1254(2)”.

(i) Section 25(a)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4)) is amended by—

(1) repealing clause (ii) of subparagraph (E); and

(2) striking out the following:

“(E) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

“(i) Any”, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(E) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Any”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

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1254 note.

SEC. 7. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect ninety days after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that such amendments shall not apply to cases pending in the Supreme Court on the effective date of such amendments or affect the right to review or the manner of reviewing the judgment or decree of a court which was entered before such effective date.

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 952:

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