

Public Law 94-559  
94th Congress

An Act

The Civil Rights Attorney's Fees Awards Act of 1976.

Oct. 19, 1976

[S. 2278]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as "The Civil Rights Attorney's Fees Awards Act of 1976".*

SEC. 2. That the Revised Statutes section 722 (42 U.S.C. 1988) is amended by adding the following: "In any action or proceeding to enforce a provision of sections 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1981 of the Revised Statutes, title IX of Public Law 92-318, or in any civil action or proceeding, by or on behalf of the United States of America, to enforce, or charging a violation of, a provision of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee as part of the costs."

The Civil  
Rights Attorney's  
Fees Awards  
Act of 1976.  
42 USC 1981  
note.  
42 USC 1981-  
1983, 1985,  
1986.  
20 USC 1681.  
26 USC 1 et seq.  
42 USC 2000d.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 94-1558 accompanying H.R. 15460 (Comm. on the Judiciary).

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1011 (Comm. on the Judiciary).

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Sept. 21-24, 27-29, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 1, considered and passed House.