

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4710

To amend title 28, United States Code, to improve the delivery of Federal judicial services by requiring the equitable and rational calculation of rent to be paid to the General Services Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Judiciary Rent Reform
5 Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. CALCULATION OF REAL PROPERTY RENT CHARGED**
2 **TO THE JUDICIARY.**

3 Section 462 of title 28, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g)(1) The Administrator of General Services shall
6 establish rent charges for accommodations provided by the
7 General Services Administration (hereinafter in this sub-
8 section referred to as ‘GSA’) in federally-owned space that
9 do not exceed the GSA’s actual costs of operating and
10 maintaining such accommodations. GSA shall not assess
11 the judiciary any amount for shell rent, tenant improve-
12 ments, parking rent, or real estate taxes for federally-
13 owned space assigned to the judiciary.

14 “(2) The Administrator of General Services shall es-
15 tablish rent charges for accommodations provided to the
16 judiciary in leased space that do not exceed the rental and
17 service contract amounts, including GSA’s actual costs of
18 procuring and servicing the leases.

19 “(3) GSA administrative fees assessed to the judici-
20 ary shall be on a cost-only basis, without regard to wheth-
21 er the real property is federally-owned or leased.

22 “(4) The judiciary shall be responsible for providing
23 funds to the GSA from judiciary appropriations to pay for
24 new repair and alteration, tenant improvement, and con-
25 struction projects performed by the GSA for judiciary ac-

1 accommodations, except for those projects for which the
2 GSA has separately received appropriations.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect
5 October 1, 2006.

