

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3088

To reduce the number of executive branch political appointees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2010

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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appointees.

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 “Reduce Bureaucracy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF POLITICAL AP-**
7 **POINTEES.**

8 (a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “political
9 appointee” means any individual who—

1 (1) is employed in a position on the executive
2 schedule under sections 5312 through 5316 of title
3 5, United States Code;

4 (2) is a limited term appointee, limited emer-
5 gency appointee, or noncareer appointee in the sen-
6 ior executive service as defined under section
7 3132(a) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States
8 Code, respectively; or

9 (3) is employed in a position in the executive
10 branch of the Government of a confidential or pol-
11 icy-determining character under Schedule C of sub-
12 part C of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal
13 Regulations.

14 (b) LIMITATION.—The President, acting through the
15 Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Per-
16 sonnel Management, shall take such actions as necessary
17 to ensure that the total number of political appointees
18 shall not exceed 2,000.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
20 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

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