

DISTRICT COURT APPELLATE PANEL ACT OF 2024

AN ACT

To establish a panel to provide speedy justice and to resolve often simple legal errors whilst establishing a more clear lower court record for high court appeals.

INTRODUCED BY

MR. COASTBREEZE of the great state of California introduced this bill on 9 August 2024 (for himself and VICE PRESIDENT CABOT) which was later referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

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

TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101. Short Title.

- (a) This Act shall be referred to as the ‘District Court Appellate Panel Act of 2024’ as its short title.

Section 102. Enforcement and Severability.

- (a) This Act remains ‘severable’ in accordance with the severability doctrine maintained and developed by the courts of the United States.
- (b) This Act shall immediately come into effect.

TITLE II – THE APPELLATE PANEL

Section 201. Jurisdiction.

- (a) All decisions made by the District Court may be appealable to a panel of the U.S. District Court made of three (3) sitting District Court Judges assigned by the Chief District Judge on an *ad hoc* basis.
- (b) The Chief Judge may expand the panel outlined in section 201(a) of this Act to include

two retired justices or retired circuit judges bringing the panel to no more than five (5) members.

- (c) The panel in a majority vote may affirm, reverse or remand decisions made by the District Court for further consideration consistent with their opinion.

Section 202. Release of Decisions; Administrative Authority.

- (a) The Chief Judge shall ensure that cases before the panel are dealt with in a speedy manner and opinions are released no more than fifteen (15) days after the case is submitted for deliberation by the panel.
- (b) The Chief Judge is afforded an administrative authority to ensure the proper administration and execution of the duties of the panel.
- (c) The Chief Judge shall promulgate rules and procedures relating to the operation of this *ad hoc* panel including the requirements for review.

Section 203. Appeals.

- (a) Any decision made by any panel operating under this act shall be appealable to the United States Supreme Court.