

Leahy-Smith America Invents Act



The America Invents Act became law on September 16, 2011, to modernize the U.S. patent system. One of the provisions of the AIA converted the United States to a first-inventor-to-file system from a first-to-invent system. The first-inventor-to-file provision became effective on March 16, 2013 – the eighteen month anniversary of the AIA.