

## LEGISLATION

The Judiciary's legislative team brings together representatives of the Courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts to enhance the effectiveness of the Judicial Branch's relationship with the General Assembly by serving as the main Judicial Branch contact for legislative matters and by monitoring and analyzing legislation for impact on the Judiciary. The following legislation affecting the Judicial Branch was passed during FY 2012 by the 146th session of the General Assembly:

BILL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
SB 37	First Leg of Constitutional Amendment permitting a Justice of the Peace Court Judge to be reappointed for eight terms after completing three successful terms of office.
SB 221	First Leg of Constitutional Amendment that would add United States Bankruptcy Courts to the list of entities that may certify questions of law to the Delaware Supreme Court.
SB 232	Grants permission to the Family Court and the Court of Common Pleas to temporarily assign retired commissioners to active duty.
HB 108	Provides that a violation of 21 Del. C. § 4172 is exempted from those motor vehicle offenses that are subject to voluntary assessment. Section 4172 provides for enhanced penalties, including suspension of license, and is consistent with motor vehicle violations currently exempted from voluntary assessment. It retains the option of probation before judgment for this offense.
HB 252	Removes the two-year sunset provision from the amendment of Title 10, Section 1007 of the Delaware Code, signed into law on July 12, 2012 so that the amendment may remain in place. The amendment was a product of the joint effort of the agencies of the Juvenile Justice Collaborative and aims to reduce the unwarranted detention of juveniles and provide meaningful alternatives to detention.
HB 266	Authorizes the Clerk of the Justice of the Peace Court to verify the final disposition of a case when a fine should be refunded.
HB 272	Changes the residency requirement of the Chief Investigative Services Officer from a county residency requirement to a state residency requirement.