

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 2015 by the 148th session of the General Assembly:

| BILL NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
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| SB 67 | Allows incumbent upper-level management of the Justice of the Peace Court to elect to remain in classified service or move to exempt service. |
| HB 57 | Clarifies that work referral is an available option in lieu of fees and penalties in a civil traffic offense and that a failure to comply with a court-ordered work referral will not result in a contempt of court. |
| HB 63 | Memorializes the Court of Chancery’s long-standing practice of requiring notice to interested parties, appointment of an appraiser, and a return of sale in petitions to sell real estate owned by a person with a disability. |
| HB 112 | First Leg of a Constitutional Amendment that adds the Chief Magistrate to the Court on the Judiciary ensuring that the six state courts are represented on the Court on the Judiciary. |
| HB 113 | Allows the Delaware Supreme Court to hear arguments in locations other than Dover when time exigencies or special circumstances (such as the educational value of holding arguments at a law school) justify a departure from holding arguments in Dover. |



The Delaware Judiciary is set to launch a re-designed and mobile-friendly website for the Delaware State Courts in the winter of 2016. In addition to having a more modern look and feel, the site has also been re-organized to make it easier for various constituencies – including the public, attorneys, jurors and the media — to find the information they are seeking with unique pages designed for each of those groups.