

**2014 Annual Report
New York State Senate
Judiciary Committee**



Senator John J. Bonacic, Chairman

**Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson,
Ranking Minority Member**

January 7, 2015

Senator Dean Skelos
President Pro Tempore
New York State Senate
Room 330 Capitol
Albany, New York 12247

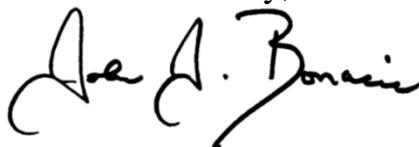
Dear Senator Skelos:

As Chairman of the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee, I am pleased to present to you the Committee's 2014 Annual Report.

The attached report details the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee's activities over the past year. I would like to thank the Ranking Minority Member, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, for her hard work and attentiveness to this committee. I would also like to thank the members of the committee for their participation and commitment.

I look forward to working with the members of the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee to ensure that we continue to move in a positive, productive direction in 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Bonacic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

JOHN J. BONACIC
State Senator

Committee Members

Senator John J. Bonacic, Chairman
Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Ranking Minority Member

Senator Joseph P. Addabbo
Senator Tony Avella
Senator Neil D. Breslin
Senator John A. DeFrancisco
Senator Martin Malavé Dilan
Senator Adriano Espaillat
Senator John J. Flanagan
Senator Mark Grisanti
Senator Kemp Hannon
Senator Brad Hoylman
Senator Andrew J. Lanza
Senator Kenneth P. LaValle
Senator Elizabeth Little
Senator Michael F. Nozzolio
Senator Thomas F. O'Mara
Senator Bill Perkins
Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer
Senator Diane J. Savino
Senator Daniel Squadron
Senator Toby Ann Stavisky
Senator Lee M. Zeldin

Committee Staff

Jessica Cherry, Counsel
David Gruenberg, Majority Counsel
Michael Ventre, Committee Clerk

Judiciary Budget for State Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The Legislature adopted a Unified Court System Budget of \$2.55 billion. This reflects a cash increase of 44.2 million, as well as an additional \$5 million allocation to create 20 new Family Court judgeships in 2015. The overall Judiciary budget increase was 3.6%.

Summary of Judiciary Committee Action on Bills

Total bills referred to Committee in 2014	317
Total bills reported by Committee in 2014	38
Total number of bills reported by Committee that passed the Senate	25
Total number of bills reported by Committee that became law in 2014	13
Total number of bills reported by Committee that were vetoed in 2014	0

Bills Reported by Judiciary Committee that were Enacted Into Law in 2014

1. Chapter 109 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7075 Bonacic/A.8972 Hennessey

Relates to furnishing motion papers to the court.

2. Chapter 112 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7137 Bonacic/A.9055 Buchwald

Makes technical correction to provisions granting jurisdiction to surrogate's court over actions taken pursuant to the uniform transfers to minors act.

3. Chapter 130 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7244 Bonacic/A.9757 Braunstein

Makes technical correction relating to exercise of power of appointment and an authorized trustee's authority to invade trust principle.

4. Chapter 202 of the Laws of 2014 – S.5212-A Flanagan/A.7641-A DenDekker

Relates to sprinkler system notice in residential leases.

5. Chapter 314 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7143 Bonacic/A.9314 Weinstein

Relates to business records of non-parties.

6. Chapter 315 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7144 Bonacic/A.9355-A Santabarbara

Relates to renunciation of property interests.

7. Chapter 356 of the Laws of 2014 – S.3479-A Golden/A.1582-A Lentol

Prevents referees from being held liable for interest or penalties on transfer taxes to be paid on deeds filed in their capacity as referee.

8. Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2014 – S.5073 Bonacic/A.9075 Steck

Relates to the want of prosecution.

9. Chapter 379 of the Laws of 2014 – S.5077 Bonacic/A.9077 Weinstein

Relates to conduct of the examination before trial.

10. Chapter 380 of the Laws of 2014 – S.5372-A Bonacic/A.9762 Titus

Relates to an affirmation by any person in a civil action.

11. Chapter 391 of the Laws of 2014 – S.7077-A Bonacic/A.9759 Weinstein

Relates to powers of attorney in relation to decedents' estates required to be in writing and recorded.

12. Chapter 404 of the Laws of 2014 – S.4952 Bonacic/A.1185 Weinstein

Establishes the formula for determining the interest payable on a delayed legacy; repealer.

13. Chapter 439 of the Laws of 2014 – S. 4779-B Bonacic/A.7461-A Cook

Relates to inheritance by children conceived after the death of a genetic parent.

**Bills Reported by Judiciary Committee that were Vetoed by the Governor in
2014**

None.

**Bills Reported by Judiciary Committee that were Enacted into Law Through
Ballot Proposals in 2014**

None.

2014 Judicial Confirmations

None.