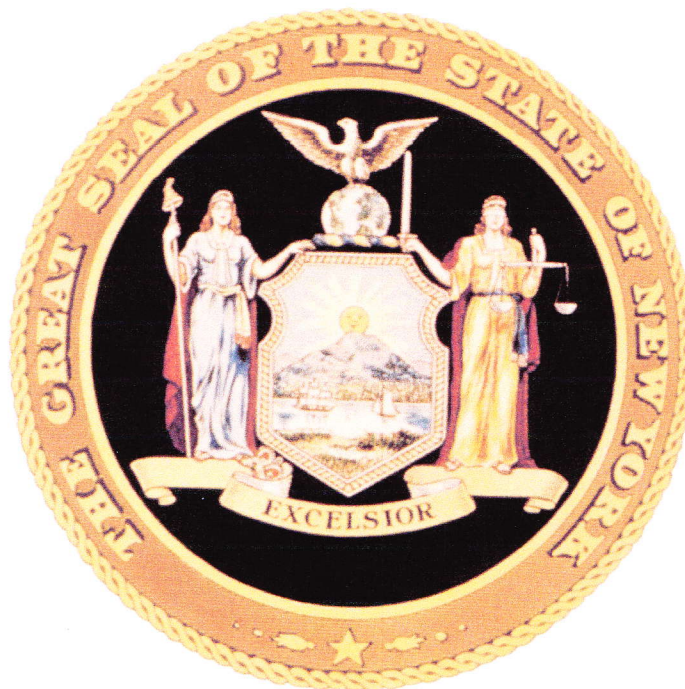


New York State Senate

**Report on the Enacted State Fiscal Year
2013-14 Executive Budget**



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Legislature and Judiciary Budget Bill (S 2601-A/A 3001-A)

Judiciary

- The Legislature concurs with the Executive proposal of \$2.54 billion.
- The Legislature is funded at \$217.8 million.

Article VII (S.2605-D)

- PART X: The Legislature enacts a one year extension of Legislative Commissions.

Legislature

- Legislative Budget General Fund appropriation levels for SFY 2013-14 are the same as SFY 2012-13 and total \$217.8 million.
- The Senate Budget provides appropriations totaling \$91.9 million for SFY 2013-14.
- Costs associated with adding the 63rd Senatorial District on January 1, 2013, are paid for within existing appropriation authority in both SFY 2012-13 and SFY 2013-14.
- The Assembly Budget provides appropriations totaling \$108.1 million for SFY 2013-14.
- Joint Legislative Entities such as the Library, Messenger Service, Ethics Commission, Bill Drafting, and Health Services total \$17.5 million for SFY 2013-14.
- The Lieutenant Governor, as the Presiding Officer of the Senate, is provided an appropriation of \$274,635 for SFY 2013-14.

Judiciary

- Unified Court System (UCS): \$1.9 billion, reflects an increase of \$1.2 million.
- General State Charges: \$660.6 million, reflects an increase of \$93 million.
- Interest on Lawyer Account (IOLA): \$15 million, flat appropriation from 2012-13.

Judiciary Budget Highlights:

- The Office of Court Administration (OCA) has agreed to maintain FY2012-13 funding levels for both CASA (\$800,000) and Community Dispute Resolution Centers (\$150,000) without any change to their overall appropriation. These amounts were not originally accounted for.
- Budget includes the second of three phases to increase judicial salaries. All judges will earn an additional \$6,000-\$8,000 beginning April 1, 2013 as required by law. Total increase for judicial salaries is \$8.2 million, or 4.4 percent.
- \$40 million included for Civil Legal Services to implement the Task Force recommendations to expand access to Civil Legal Services in New York, an increase of \$15 million over SFY 2012-13.
- Pension costs are expected to increase \$76.4 million, representing over 80 percent of the Judiciary's entire increase.
- The total Unified Court System budget is \$1.97 billion, of which approximately \$1.87 billion is for State Operations. Of that amount, \$1.8 billion is General Fund spending.
- The total Unified Court System budget for Aid to Localities is approximately \$102.4 million, an increase of \$733,000 from 2012-13. Of the Aid to Localities funding, 98 percent goes toward the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Program.

General State Charges:

- UCS has an increase of \$93 million, or 16 percent, for General State Charges from \$567.6 million to \$660.7 million. This is almost entirely driven by increased pension costs.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

State Operations (S.2600-E)

- The Legislature concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$5.4 million.

Commission on Judicial Nomination

State Operations (S.2600-E)

- The Legislature concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$30,000.

Judicial Screening Committees

State Operations (S.2600-E)

- The Legislature concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$38,000.