



# Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on

# JUDICIARY

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins,

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Judiciary for the 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction, such as advancing tenants' rights, modernizing the laws governing commercial transactions and the execution of wills, and protecting New Yorkers from the federal administration.

During the 2025 Session, this Committee met eleven times in Session, reported one hundred and twenty-one bills, and favorably reported seventeen nominees for Judge of the Court of Claims, five nominees for Interim Supreme Court Justice, and two nominees for Interim Family Court Judge.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

*Brad Hoylman-Sigal*

Brad Hoylman-Sigal  
State Senator, 47th District



# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

## NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary has legislative oversight responsibilities on issues concerning New York's civil justice system, debtor and creditor laws, domestic relations laws, estates, powers and trusts laws, general obligations laws, real property laws, and the judicial branch of State government. The Judiciary Committee also has the special responsibility of considering resolutions to amend the State Constitution and to consider and approve certain gubernatorial judicial appointments, including appointees to the New York State Court of Claims and Supreme Court.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, three hundred and ninety-nine bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, one hundred and twenty-one were reported by the Committee. Eighty were passed by the Senate, and thirty-one passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of eleven committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

The Committee also favorably reported seventeen nominees for Judge of the Court of Claims, five nominees for Interim Supreme Court Justice, and two nominees for Interim Family Court Judge.

## COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the Committee in 2025:

- S1840A/Hoylman-Sigal: Amends the Uniform Commercial Code
- S2433A/Krueger: Extends Rights Upon Expiration of Ground Lease Co-ops
- S3394A/Gounardes: Enacts the CREEP Act
- S3849A/Hoylman-Sigal: Amends the Constitution to Remove the Cap on Supreme Court Justices
- S4649A/S. Ryan: Prohibits Non-Compete Agreements
- S5227/Harckham: Permits the Expansion of the Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex
- S7416A/Hoylman-Sigal: Legalizes E-Wills
- S7860B/Hoylman-Sigal: Invalidates Pro Bono Work for the Bar Performed Under Coercion by the Federal Government
- S7882/Hoylman-Sigal: Prohibits the Usage of AI Algorithms to Set Rents

## COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

### **Judges of the Court of Claims:**

Monica Wallace  
Gregory McCaffrey  
John Bringewatt  
Abby Perer  
Noel Mendez  
Natacha Carbajal-Evangelista  
Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster  
Erin Guven  
Menachem Mirocznik  
Jay Kim  
Denis Reo  
Ilene Fern  
Darlene Goldberg  
Gordon Cuffy  
James Ferreira  
Rhonda Tomlinson  
Cheryl Joseph

### **Interim Supreme Court Justices:**

J. David Sampson  
Denise Hartman  
Walter Rivera  
Michael Kitsis  
Jonathan Svetkey

### **Interim Family Court Judges:**

Tonia Ettinger  
Jessica Wilcox

## TWO HOUSE BILLS

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S00916	S. Ryan	Raises the minimum fee for temporary interpreters; requires that town and village courts share in the compensation of such temporary interpreters.	Vetoed Memorandum 110
S00952B	Kavanagh	Requires that the entire amount of a rental deposit or advance be refundable to the tenant upon the tenant's vacating of the premises except for an amount lawfully retained for non-payment of rent or utilities, damage caused by the tenant, or storage costs; requires landlord to provide an itemized statement of damages and to return the balance of the deposit within 14 days; requires that tenant be given the opportunity to inspect the rental premises prior to signing a lease; allows a grantee or assignee of the leased premises to demand that an escrow account be opened.	Chaptered 436
S01353B	Cleare	Prohibits creditors from enforcing a consumer debt incurred as a result of fraud, duress, intimidation, threat, force, identity theft, exploitation of the debtor's personal information or similar economic abuse perpetrated against a debtor; establishes a right of action by the debtor for relief against creditors for violations; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 710
S01814	Fernandez	Replaces the words addict or addicts with the words person with substance use disorder or a variation thereof.	Substituted By A2398-Chaptered 511
S01840A	Hoylman-Sigal	Incorporates the 2022 Uniform Law Commission recommended amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code to provide for emerging technologies; addresses emerging technologies, providing updated rules for commercial transactions involving virtual currencies, distributed ledger technologies (including blockchain), artificial intelligence, and other technological developments.	Substituted By A3307A-Chaptered 579
S03178A	Sanders	Requires the modification of restrictive covenants prior to the sale of real property when covenants, conditions and restrictions exist which discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, marital status, disability, national origin, source of income or ancestry.	Substituted By A1820A-Chaptered 578
S03799C	Comrie	Provides an owner or lessee access to adjoining property to make improvements or repairs for certain circumstances.	Chaptered 601

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S03845B	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits residential landlords from charging tenants a fee for a dishonored rent check in excess of the actual costs or fees incurred by such landlord as a result thereof, provided such dishonored check fee was included in the initial lease.	Substituted By A56B - Chaptered 431
S05227	Harckham	Relates to the Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County.	Substituted By A7454- Delivered to Secretary of State
S05514	Hinchey	Includes consideration of evidence of recent acts of aggravated cruelty to animals as a factor to be considered when determining whether grounds for a temporary extreme risk protection order exist.	Substituted By A6556- Chaptered 450
S06244A	Skoufis	Enacts the "Lieutenant Joseph Banish mental health act" which establishes a law enforcement peer support program to provide confidentiality for communications arising out of law enforcement peer support counseling; defines terms; provides exceptions for when a peer support communication may be disclosed.	Substituted By A6721A- Chaptered 641
S06975	Gonzalez	Prohibits a court from denying class certification for purposes of class action lawsuits solely because the action involves governmental operations.	Substituted By A1550- Vetoed Memorandum 57
S07358	May	Enacts the low impact landscaping rights act, preventing homeowners' associations from adopting or enforcing any rules or regulations that would effectively prohibit, or impose unreasonable limitations on, the installation or maintenance of low impact landscaping.	Substituted By A1890- Vetoed Memorandum 37
S07413	Kavanagh	Requires notice to be provided ninety days prior to commencement of a foreclosure action by a homeowners' association or condominium board to enforce a lien for unpaid common charges, assessments, fines or fees.	Substituted By A3470- Chaptered 433
S07416A	Hoylman-Sigal	Enacts provisions for the execution of electronic wills including attestation, revocation and filing.	Chaptered 637
S07882	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits a person or entity from knowingly or with reckless disregard facilitate an agreement between or among two or more residential rental property owners or managers to not compete with respect to residential rental dwelling units, including by operating or licensing a software, data analytics service, or algorithmic device that performs a coordinating function on behalf of or between and among such residential rental property owners or managers.	Chaptered 437
S08175	Sepúlveda	Allows certain methods for service of process including by electronic means.	Chaptered 563

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Act</b>
S08176	Persaud	Relates to the time limit for appeals in all categories of family court cases and the filing of objections to support magistrate determinations in child support, paternity and parentage proceedings in family court.	Substituted By A8298-Chaptered 534
S08185	Salazar	Prohibits persons, firms, or corporations whose interests are adverse to that of a person who received personal injuries or death as a result of an action by such person, firm or corporation from negotiating any contracts or settlements releasing such person, firm or corporation from liability for the tortious or potentially tortious act within thirty days of such act.	Vetoed Memorandum 160
S08186	Gianaris	Provides that a foreign corporation's application for authority to do business in this state constitutes consent to jurisdiction of the courts of this state and a surrender of such application constitutes withdrawal of such consent.	Substituted By A8303-Vetoed Memorandum 134
S08187	Cooney	Extends the effectiveness of provisions providing for special proceedings to convey title to abandoned commercial and industrial real property to a city, town, or village. New York State Homes and Community Renewal	Substituted By A7793-Chaptered 166
S08195	Hoylman-Sigal	Expands the acceptable uses of affirmations in civil actions.	Chaptered 564



## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S00048	Walczyk	Amends the constitution to prohibit an immediate vote from being called by the governor or acting governor on any budget bills.	Senate Judiciary
S00338	Bailey	Requires certain civil court documents to be provided to parties in their native language; requires parties to demonstrate their understanding of the nature and effect of such documents.	Senate Rules
S00410	Gounardes	Provides that the court shall not reduce jury awards as excessive in employment discrimination actions unless the court finds exceptional circumstances which compel the conclusion that the jury was influenced by partiality, prejudice, mistake or corruption.	Passed the Senate
S00413	Gounardes	Makes the release of any claim by an employee, or independent contractor who is a natural person, against an employer, unenforceable if, as a condition of such resolution, the employee or independent contractor is prohibited from applying for, accepting, or engaging in future employment with such employer, or any entity or entities related to such employer.	Passed the Senate
S00450	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits landlords from including incorrect information relating to rent decontrol in certain leases and renewals thereof; imposes a violation punishable by a fine of \$1000 for a violation by a landlord; requires the standardization of certain notices pertaining to units subject to the Affordable New York Housing Program.	On Calendar 548 Opposite House
S00462A	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to audio-visual coverage of judicial proceedings by the media; allows the judge or justice presiding over a proceeding to exercise discretion to prohibit or limit filming or photographing of particular participants; defines terms; provides limitations on audio-visual coverage.	Passed the Senate
S00548	Stec	Authorizes the state to convey certain forest preserve land; provides such sale shall be subject to legislative approval and the proceeds of such conveyance shall be used for acquisitions to the forest preserve.	Passed the Senate

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S00727	Sanders	Provides that in toxic tort cases the date of discovery of the injury by the plaintiff or claimant is presumed to be the date of diagnosis and where the specific toxic etiological cause of injury is not known for up to ten years (instead of five years) after the injury itself is discovered a plaintiff shall have three years to file a claim from the time such specific cause is discovered.	Senate Rules
S00874	Bailey	Designates the tenth day of March of each year as a public holiday, to be known as Harriet Tubman day.	Reported to Senate Finance
S00916	S. Ryan	Raises the minimum fee for temporary interpreters; requires that town and village courts share in the compensation of such temporary interpreters.	Vetoed Memorandum 110
S00947	Jackson	Prohibits residential landlords from charging tenants with fees for the payment of rent through an automated clearing house or online payment system.	On Calendar 261 Opposite House
S00951	Kavanagh	Requires real estate brokers and salespersons to compile and disclose client demographic data to the secretary of state; requires real estate brokers and salespersons to request the voluntary disclosure of demographic information from clients and record and retain such information for a period of two years.	Reported to Senate Finance
S00952B	Kavanagh	Requires that the entire amount of a rental deposit or advance be refundable to the tenant upon the tenant's vacating of the premises except for an amount lawfully retained for non-payment of rent or utilities, damage caused by the tenant, or storage costs; requires landlord to provide an itemized statement of damages and to return the balance of the deposit within 14 days; requires that tenant be given the opportunity to inspect the rental premises prior to signing a lease; allows a grantee or assignee of the leased premises to demand that an escrow account be opened.	Chaptered 436
S01015	Brouk	Prohibits an individual convicted of a crime involving elder abuse from inheriting from the elder's estate as a distributee.	Passed the Senate
S01142	Gounardes	Relates to the statute of limitations for actions based on discriminatory practices in employment; establishes action must be commenced within six years.	Passed the Senate
S01323	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits pre-payment penalties for mortgages secured by real property owned in a cooperative form of ownership where over fifty percent of the units are shareholder occupied.	Senate Rules

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S01353B	Cleare	Prohibits creditors from enforcing a consumer debt incurred as a result of fraud, duress, intimidation, threat, force, identity theft, exploitation of the debtor's personal information or similar economic abuse perpetrated against a debtor; establishes a right of action by the debtor for relief against creditors for violations; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 710
S01409	S. Ryan	Relates to requiring certain town and village justices be admitted to practice law in the state; requires town and village justices in a town or village with a high arraignment volume be admitted to practice law in New York state for at least five years as of the date they commence the duties of office; provides the determination of a town or village with a high arraignment volume shall be made by the office of court administration in consultation with the division of criminal justice services.	Passed the Senate
S01490A	Fahy	Updates the fee collected by county clerks and clerks for the city of New York for deposit into the cultural education account from \$15 to \$30; increases the amount retained by the county or city from \$0.75 to \$1.00.	Senate Rules
S01557	May	Enacts the "tenants organizing act"; allows tenants' groups, committees or other tenants' organizations to invite outside guests or visitors including elected officials, services providers, housing lawyers, etc. without being required to pay fees; defines "tenants' organization"; provides for activities that tenants' organizations can take part in; provides for the manner in how a tenants' organization is established.	Reported to Senate Housing, Construction and Community Development
S01726	Brouk	Provides interest rate limitations for financing arrangements and the extension of consumer credit; relates to the definitions of criminal usury in the first and second degrees; relates to the functions of the attorney general regarding rental purchase agreements. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Senate Rules
S01814	Fernandez	Replaces the words addict or addicts with the words person with substance use disorder or a variation thereof.	Substituted By A2398 - Chaptered 511
S01840A	Hoylman-Sigal	Incorporates the 2022 Uniform Law Commission recommended amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code to provide for emerging technologies; addresses emerging technologies, providing updated rules for commercial transactions involving virtual currencies, distributed ledger technologies (including blockchain), artificial intelligence, and other technological developments.	Substituted By A3307A - Chaptered 579

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S01849A	Mayer	Requires more specific data reporting by the chief administrator to include information relating to all courts in the unified court system, including town and village courts.	Passed the Senate
S02146A	Cooney	Repeals and reenacts statute of limitation provisions on wrongful death, personal injury and property damage actions against professional engineers, architects, landscape architects, land surveyors, geologists and construction contractors to provide for a limitations period of ten years after completion of improvement to real property; "completion", which constitutes the accrual date for the limitations period, is defined; provides for a one year extension for injuries to person or property or wrongful death which occur during the tenth year after completion.	Senate Rules
S02305	Krueger	Prohibits the entry of a judgment by confession on amounts due from one or more individuals for personal, family, household, consumer or non-business purposes and on a debt incurred if the principal amount of such debt was less than \$5,000,000.	Passed the Senate
S02422	Hoylman-Sigal	Repeals provisions relating to allowing attorneys having offices in the state to reside in an adjoining state.	On Calendar 858 Opposite House
S02433A	Krueger	Establishes certain rights upon the expiration of ground lease residential cooperative apartment buildings.	Passed the Senate
S02546	Myrie	Authorizes the mortgagee or lienor of an abandoned multiple dwelling to apply for the appointment of a receiver to bring the building into compliance.	Passed the Senate
S02597	Mayer	Establishes standards for public access to family court proceedings and when a judge can exclude individuals from proceedings.	Passed the Senate
S02627A	Kavanagh	Establishes the homeowner protection program; provides that the department of law shall establish the homeowner protection program to ensure the availability of free housing counseling and legal services to homeowners for the purposes of mitigating threats to homeownership; provides that the department of law shall provide grants to eligible not-for-profit housing counseling organizations and legal services organizations to provide services under the program.	Passed the Senate
S02695	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits the admissibility of evidence of a victim's sexual conduct, sexual predisposition, or manner of dress in civil actions or proceedings; provides limited exceptions.	Senate Rules

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S02696	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to proof of claims for unjust conviction and imprisonment.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02698	Hoylman-Sigal	Requires certification of filings produced using generative artificial intelligence; requires the brief of an appellant to contain a disclosure of the use of generative artificial intelligence in the drafting of the brief and certification that the content therein was reviewed and verified by a human.	Senate Rules
S03036	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to making technical corrections to ensure gender neutrality for the admission to practice law and preventing the character fitness questionnaire from inquiring into an applicant's prior interaction with law enforcement or the criminal justice system under certain circumstances.	Passed the Senate
S03170	Felder	Enacts the "family court adjusted service time (FAST) act"; requires family courts in New York City to remain open until midnight on at least one weekday each week in at least two counties effective January 1, 2026, and in at least three counties, effective January 1, 2027.	Enacting Clause Stricken
S03178A	Sanders	Requires the modification of restrictive covenants prior to the sale of real property when covenants, conditions and restrictions exist which discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, marital status, disability, national origin, source of income or ancestry.	Substituted By A1820A - Chaptered 578
S03394A	Gounardes	Enacts the "ceasing repeated and extremely egregious predatory (CREEP) behavior act"; provides for the issuance of anti-stalking orders. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Passed the Senate
S03413	Jackson	Permits court ruling in favor of a petitioner appealing the denial of a disability pension determination to grant disability pension.	Passed the Senate
S03660	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to liability to support a child who is placed in foster care pursuant to an approved application for foster care maintenance; provides that such liability shall not be imposed if it will adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the child on whose behalf such payments are to be made or other persons in the child's household or will adversely affect the length of the child's placement or impair the ability of the child to return home when discharged from foster care; limits the ability of a county or local social services district to cause a referral to be sent for the purpose of commencing collection of child support for a child placed in foster care.	Passed the Senate

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Significant Action</b>
S03661	Hoylman-Sigal	Eliminates the restriction on class actions involving a penalty or minimum recovery; adds language expressly permitting class actions against governmental entities.	Senate Rules
S03690A	Sanders	Relates to adding certain notice requirements for enforcing liens on goods in self-storage facilities.	Passed the Senate
S03737	Sanders	Relates to preventing fraudulent deed transfers; protects home owners from being misled into transferring their home to mortgage servicers.	Reported to Senate Codes
S03799C	Comrie	Provides an owner or lessee access to adjoining property to make improvements or repairs for certain circumstances.	Chaptered 601
S03807	Hoylman-Sigal	Requires that plaintiffs no longer have to prove that a sexual offense occurred on the premises of, chattels or property belonging to a corporate entity in action for negligent supervision.	Passed the Senate
S03837	Hoylman-Sigal	Enacts the "sunshine in litigation act" regarding protective orders to prohibit settlement agreements which conceal a public hazard or any information that would identify a public hazard.	Senate Rules
S03845B	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits residential landlords from charging tenants a fee for a dishonored rent check in excess of the actual costs or fees incurred by such landlord as a result thereof, provided such dishonored check fee was included in the initial lease.	Substituted By A56B - Chaptered 431
S03849	Hoylman-Sigal	Authorizes the legislature to increase the number of justices of the supreme court in any judicial district.	Senate Rules
S03864	Gianaris	Relates to the publication of judicial opinions rendered in criminal causes.	Reported to Senate Finance
S03888	Fernandez	Relates to the determination of damages in a civil action arising from personal injury or wrongful death; provides that damages shall not be reduced because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or status as a victim of domestic violence; provides that damages shall not be based on statistical tables unless agreed to by all parties.	Senate Rules
S04409	May	Requires the issuance of certificates of occupancy for rental property damaged by fire.	Senate Rules

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S04419	May	Requires the chief administrator of the office of court administration to establish a searchable public database providing information regarding eviction proceedings in the state; directs the chief administrator to adopt rules directing village, town or other local courts to report their eviction proceeding data to the office of court administration.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04549	Skoufis	Requires principals to make a good faith effort to identify and notify co-trustees and co-beneficiaries of the signing of a power of attorney including the identity of the agent where the agent is not a co-trustee or co-beneficiary.	Senate Rules
S04836	Fahy	Increases the number of county court judges in Schenectady county from one judge to two.	Passed the Senate
S04840	Fahy	Requires a surety bond for contractors and subcontractors where no public fund has been established for the financing of a public improvement.	Senate Rules
S04957	Bailey	Provides for review of bail data reports by the state commission on judicial conduct to study such reports for evidence of bias or prejudice by any judge or justice, and where appropriate based on such reports, to initiate, investigate, and hear complaints and otherwise comment on matters of bias and prejudice evidenced therein.	Passed the Senate
S05089	Sepúlveda	Creates a residential condominium owner's bill of rights that includes the right to transparency, the right to timely decisions, voting rights, the right to notice, and the right against extraordinary expenses.	Passed the Senate
S05227	Harckham	Relates to the Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County.	Substituted By A7454 - Delivered to Secretary of State
S05278	Sepúlveda	Relates to establishing new fee rates for large estates; raises the fee rate for estates with a value over \$5,000,000 to \$10,000.	Passed the Senate
S05285	Sepúlveda	Relates to persons who may become a voluntary administrator; includes fiduciaries of a deceased distributee, or a competent adult who is not a distributee upon the filed consent of all competent distributees as persons who can become a voluntary administrator prior to the chief fiscal officer of the county becoming such.	Passed the Senate

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S05286	Sepúlveda	Prohibits self-service facility owners from enforcing liens, by private or public sale, on personal property held in a self-storage facility during state disaster emergencies or county states of emergency.	Passed the Senate
S05445	Hoylman-Sigal	Creates a private right of action by a tenant against a landlord in a city having a population of one million or more persons over sidewalk sheds.	Senate Rules
S05514	Hinchey	Includes consideration of evidence of recent acts of aggravated cruelty to animals as a factor to be considered when determining whether grounds for a temporary extreme risk protection order exist.	Substituted By A6556 - Chaptered 450
S05559	Hoylman-Sigal	Creates, in addition to the existing sanction of criminal contempt of court, the remedies of labor law civil penalties and employee's right to bring civil action for unlawful discharge, penalty or discrimination on account of the exercise by an employee of a juror's right to be absent from employment by reason of jury service. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Passed the Senate
S05751	Gianaris	Amends the constitution to delete the requirement that registration for purposes of voting be completed at least ten days before election day; provides that laws be made to adequately safeguard against deception in the exercise of the right of suffrage.	Senate Rules
S05772	May	Establishes the right to inspection of residential real properties, condominium units, and cooperative apartments.	Senate Rules
S05968	Parker	Increases the value of homesteads which are exempt from civil judgments from one hundred fifty thousand to two hundred fifty thousand dollars.	Senate Rules
S05998B	Skoufis	Requires the court to consider a child's health and safety when making a decision regarding child custody and visitation; directs the court to review certain information as it relates to allegations of child abuse, domestic violence and child safety; requires the court to appoint an attorney to represent the child when credible allegations of serious risk to the child's safety have been made.	Passed the Senate
S06049	Skoufis	Renames the supreme court the superior court and the court of appeals the supreme court.	Senate Rules
S06128	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to when an adverse party is entitled to production of a writing, object, or other material a witness has used to refresh the witness' recollection.	Passed the Senate

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S06739	Hoylman-Sigal	Standardizes the language across the relevant court acts to allow tenants statewide to sue in the county where the real property at issue is located in matters relating to a tenancy or lease; requires the Office of Court Administration to develop necessary forms, procedures and deliver a report.	Passed the Senate
S06975	Gonzalez	Prohibits a court from denying class certification for purposes of class action lawsuits solely because the action involves governmental operations.	Substituted By A1550 - Vetoed Memorandum 57
S07279	Scarcella-Spanton	Authorizes certified school psychologists to participate in the certification of certain persons as intellectually disabled or developmentally disabled; makes technical corrections to language.	Passed the Senate
S07329	Hinchey	Designates March eighth as Women’s day in the state of New York as a public holiday.	Reported to Senate Finance
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S07434	Hoylman-Sigal	Authorizes a lien against personal and real property of the owner of a commercial towing company for illegal and improper practices; creates personal liability for members of an LLC and certain corporate shareholders.	Senate Rules

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S07437	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits agreements between employers that directly restrict the current or future employment of any employee; allows for a cause of action against employers who engage in such agreements.	Senate Rules
S07440	Hoylman-Sigal	Authorizes the vacating of an arbitration award on the basis of arbitrator disregard of the law.	Senate Rules
S07448	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides that possession of a condom or other reproductive or sexual health device may not be received in evidence in any trial, hearing or proceeding as evidence of conduct which would constitute an offense defined in article 230 of the penal law.	Reported to Senate Codes
S07455	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides a mandatory retirement age for judges and justices.	Senate Rules
S07468A	Hoylman-Sigal	Allows for the issuance of information subpoenas on behalf of small claims judgment creditors to be effective anywhere in the state.	Senate Rules
S07491A	Brisport	Relates to the statute of limitations for certain deed theft actions; revives such actions otherwise barred by the existing statute of limitations; grants trial preference to such actions; directs the chief administrator of the courts to promulgate rules for the timely adjudication of certain revived actions.	Senate Rules
S07600	Bynoe	Directs condominium and cooperative housing associations to complete capital reserve studies, including a thirty-year funding plan, in order to ensure that the condominium or cooperative housing association has adequate reserve funds available to repair or replace the assets located on the property that the association is obligated to maintain without the need to create any special assessment or loan obligation; specifies the content of the study; requires the study to be filed with the attorney general.	Reported to Senate Finance
S07633C	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to actions and proceedings seeking an abatement of rent based on violations of the housing maintenance code, applicable housing standards, the building code, or the health code; relates to the number of housing judges assigned to certain actions.	Passed the Senate
S07694	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides additional requirements for certain writings and records to be admissible under the business records hearsay exception.	Passed the Senate

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S07696	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides that any person who has served as a state-paid judge or justice of a court of the unified court system or as a housing judge of the housing portion of the civil court of the city of New York, but who no longer holds any of such offices, may apply to be designated as a judicial hearing officer.	Passed the Senate
S07735	Hoylman-Sigal	Permits amendment of a claim or notice of intention to file a claim to correct jurisdictional pleading defects and the dismissal of a claim based upon claimant's failure to comply with jurisdictional pleading requirements.	Passed the Senate
S07860B	Hoylman-Sigal	Authorizes a requirement of pro bono service as a condition of admission to the bar or attorney registration; exempts pro bono work performed pursuant to an agreement with the federal government if the federal government designates the recipients of the pro bono work or type or types or nature of such legal services; provides for the expiration of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.	Passed the Senate
S07882	Hoylman-Sigal	Prohibits a person or entity from knowingly or with reckless disregard facilitate an agreement between or among two or more residential rental property owners or managers to not compete with respect to residential rental dwelling units, including by operating or licensing a software, data analytics service, or algorithmic device that performs a coordinating function on behalf of or between and among such residential rental property owners or managers.	Chaptered 437
S08118	Kavanagh	Prohibits utility service terminations in multiple dwellings; authorizes utility companies to seek a lien against such multiple dwelling for the amount of unpaid utility bills.	Senate Rules
S08175	Sepúlveda	Allows certain methods for service of process including by electronic means.	Chaptered 563
S08176	Persaud	Relates to the time limit for appeals in all categories of family court cases and the filing of objections to support magistrate determinations in child support, paternity and parentage proceedings in family court. Unified Court System	Substituted By A8298 - Chaptered 534

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S08185	Salazar	Prohibits persons, firms, or corporations whose interests are adverse to that of a person who received personal injuries or death as a result of an action by such person, firm or corporation from negotiating any contracts or settlements releasing such person, firm or corporation from liability for the tortious or potentially tortious act within thirty days of such act.	Vetoed Memorandum 160
S08186	Gianaris	Provides that a foreign corporation's application for authority to do business in this state constitutes consent to jurisdiction of the courts of this state and a surrender of such application constitutes withdrawal of such consent. Unified Court System	Substituted By A8303 - Vetoed Memorandum 134
S08187	Cooney	Extends the effectiveness of provisions providing for special proceedings to convey title to abandoned commercial and industrial real property to a city, town, or village. New York State Homes and Community Renewal	Substituted By A7793 - Chaptered 166
S08192	Cleare	Directs the legislature to ensure that the number of judges and justices in districts and courts is sufficient; directs the chief administrator of the courts to report on the sufficiency of the number of judges and justices in each court and to make recommendations on such numbers.	Senate Rules
S08195	Hoylman-Sigal	Expands the acceptable uses of affirmations in civil actions.	Chaptered 564







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