

Subject Judicial Branch policy proposals

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Overview

This is the policy bill from the judicial branch. It makes changes to laws including requiring the Department of Public Safety to share certain data with the courts, increasing the limit for claims that are handled in binding arbitration, requiring certain tax information to be shared with the courts to assemble a jury source list, allowing the courts to publish certain notices on their website, requiring plaintiffs to serve a conciliation court summons, limiting the requirement to notify public authorities of a divorce to cases involving children, allowing renewals of certain orders for restitution, amending the deadline to file a report and expiration date of the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection, and extending the availability of an appropriation for that council.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | Public Safety Department data. Requires the commissioner of public safety to provide race and ethnicity data from Driver and Vehicle Services to the judicial branch as part of the information provided for purposes of compiling the jury source list. |
| 2 | Mandatory submission to binding arbitration. Increases the maximum amount of a claim for cases that must be referred to mandatory binding arbitration for automobile insurance cases involving claims against a person's own insurer for benefits under no-fault, comprehensive, or collision coverage. |
| 3 | Disclosure to the judicial branch. Requires the commissioner of revenue to disclose the list of individuals who are 17 years of age or older who filed taxes or received any tax benefit to the judicial branch for the purpose of compiling the jury source list. Establishes that the data that must |

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| | be shared includes the person's name, date of birth, address, county of residence, and, if available, race and ethnicity data. |
| 4 | District court. Allows the district court to publish its own court notices, orders, and process for judicial proceedings on the branch website. |
| 5 | Jurisdiction; general. Amends the service requirements for conciliation court to require that a plaintiff serve a summons by first class mail in all cases. Currently, the court administrator must serve the summons in cases where the dispute is \$2,500 or less. Current law also requires that plaintiffs serve a summons by certified mail in cases where the claim exceeds \$2,500. |
| 6 | Notice to public authority. Amends the requirement that a person who is petitioning for a dissolution or legal separation notify the public authority if either party is receiving public benefits. Limits the requirement to apply only in cases where the dissolution or separation is with children. |
| 7 | Administrative renewals. Authorizes any person named in a restitution judgment to renew the judgment by serving that intent on the offender. Directs the court to renew a docketed judgment upon filing of the notice and proof of service. Provides that the court must not charge a filing fee for renewing the judgment and establishes that interest continues to accrue on a judgement that has been renewed. Under current law, a docketed judgment lasts for ten years and must be renewed by filing a new civil case. |
| 8 | Reports. Extends the deadline for the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection to submit its report from January 15, 2026, to December 15, 2026. |
| 9 | Expiration. Amends the expiration date for the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection from the day after it submits its report to June 30, 2027. |
| 10 | Supreme court. Extends the deadline to use the appropriation for the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The change does not increase the appropriation. |



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