

## S 575

### Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2013

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1862-

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1862-1863) (Mar 14, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/575>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1203	Related bill	<b>Apr 15, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, And The Internet.

### Summary (as of Mar 14, 2013)

Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2013 - Amends the federal judicial code to establish the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Judicial Branch of the U.S. government, to be headed by an Inspector General appointed by the Chief Justice. Sets a term of four years, which may be extended by additional reappointments. Authorizes the Chief Justice to remove an Inspector General from office.

Requires the OIG to: (1) conduct investigations of alleged misconduct in the judicial branch, including the Supreme Court; (2) conduct and supervise audits and investigations; and (3) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse.

Provides for whistleblower protection.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 14, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1861-1862)
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1862-1863)