

Legislative Information Technology -An Overview

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Office of Legislative Information Technology (LEG IT)

2 V.S.A. § 701. Creation and purpose

- The Office of Legislative Information Technology is created as a permanent agency to serve the members and employees of the General Assembly with information technology resources and nonpartisan technology-related services. (Added 2019, No. 144 (Adj. Sess.), § 8.)



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Our Mission

- The Office of Legislative Information Technology (LEG IT) provides the Information Technology (IT) and Audio-Visual (AV) infrastructure and support necessary for the effective functioning of the Vermont General Assembly. LEG IT's primary mission is to assist legislators, legislative staff, and committees by ensuring they have access to reliable and effective technology solutions. These systems are integral to the legislative process, including the legislative bill tracking system, access to legal research, effective communication, and records maintenance.
- LEG IT's mission is critical to ensuring the legislative process remains efficient, accessible, and responsive to the needs of the public and lawmakers alike.



Our Vision

- LEG IT's vision is to create modern, secure, and accessible technology infrastructure that empowers legislators and staff, while supporting the entire legislative process. The office envisions fostering a legislative environment where technology enhances efficiency, accessibility, and public participation. LEG IT strives to provide legislators and staff with tools that allow them to make informed decisions, engage with constituents, and contribute to a well-functioning legislative process.



Funding

- LEG IT's budget is developed in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) and presented to the Joint Legislative Management Committee (JLMC) for initial approval, along with the rest of the offices of the General Assembly.
- Once initial approval has been granted, the budget follows the same legislative process as all other State budget requests.
- The funds allocated cover all personnel and operating costs such as: software development & maintenance, infrastructure, cyber security, & public facing resources.



Oversight

- The office of LEG IT is overseen by the JLMC, with the following membership:

2 V.S.A. § 41 (b) Membership.

The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) four members of the House, which shall include representation from the Joint Fiscal Committee and the House Rules Committee, and shall consist of:

(A) the Speaker of the House; and

(B) three members of the House appointed by the Speaker, not all from the same political party; and

(2) four members of the Senate, which shall include representation from the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Senate Rules Committee, and shall consist of:

(A) the President Pro Tempore; and

(B) three members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees, not all from the same political party.

- All budget requests, new position requests, and branch-wide IT policies must be approved by the JLMC before proceeding to the rest of the legislative process.
- The Director of LEG IT is also advised by the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee.



Staffing

- LEG IT employs a diverse group of highly skilled professionals who support the office's mission. The staff work together to ensure that the Vermont General Assembly has the technological resources it needs for smooth and efficient operations.



Services Provided

- LEG IT is responsible for technology design, integration, support, and maintenance of all IT and AV assets throughout the General Assembly. Including, but not limited to:
 - The Legislative Bill Tracking System
 - Custom web applications for staff operations
 - Secure Document Management
 - Real-Time Technology Support
 - AV Solutions enabling livestreaming and videoconferencing
 - Cybersecurity
 - Public Facing Websites
 - Fleet Management



Thank you for your time!

Questions?



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