

## Judicial Selection in the States

### Selection of TRIAL court judges

\* 1. Which of the following best describes the method of judicial selection for trial courts in your state? (If more than one, please choose other and indicate the methods)

- Non-partisan election
- Appointment with retention-election
- Appointment without retention-election
- Partisan election
- Partisan election with retention re-election
- Partisan nomination and non-partisan general elections
- Initial Appointment, Election, and then Retention-election
- Legislative election
- Other (please specify)

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### Appointment of TRIAL court judges

2. Who appoints judges in your state?

- Governor
- Legislature
- Other (please specify)

3. Are appointments subject to confirmation by the legislature or another body?

- No
- Yes (please specify)

4. Do you believe that the appointment process works well in recruiting and selecting the best candidates for judicial office?

- Yes
- No (please specify why you believe this)

5. Please indicate anything that you would change about your existing method of judicial selection that you believe might be helpful.

6. While your method of selection involves appointment, does your selection method also include a component of election (partisan, non-partisan, retention)?

- Yes
- No

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### Election of Trial Court Judges

7. Is the election of judicial officers held on the same day as other partisan elections (i.e. presidential, governor, legislative, etc)?

- Yes  
 No

8. Would you recommend modifying the timing of your state's election?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

9. Would you recommend modifying the qualifications for holding judicial office?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

10. Would you recommend modifying the term length of judges in your state?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

11. How, if at all, would you recommend modifying the recruitment and selection process in your state?

- I wouldn't recommend any modifications.  
 I would recommend the following modifications:

12. Would you recommend modifying the campaign finance system?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

13. Would you recommend modifying the ballot access requirements?

No

Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

14. Please add any other information that you think might be helpful in consideration of your state's method of judicial selection.

## Judicial Selection in the States

### Selection of APPELLATE court judges/justices

\* 15. Which of the following best describes the method of judicial selection for appellate courts in your state? (If more than one, choose other and indicate methods)

- Non-partisan election
- Appointment with retention-election
- Appointment without retention-election
- Partisan election
- Partisan election with retention re-election
- Partisan nomination and non-partisan general elections
- Initial Appointment, Election, and then Retention-election
- Legislative election
- Other (please specify)

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### Appointment of Appellate Court judges/justices

16. Who appoints judges in your state?

- Governor
- Legislature
- Other (please specify)

17. Are appointments subject to confirmation by the legislature or another body?

- No
- Yes (please specify)

18. Do you believe that the appointment process works well in recruiting and selecting the best candidates for judicial office?

- Yes
- No (please specify why you believe this)

19. Please indicate anything that you would change about your existing method of judicial selection that you believe might be helpful.

20. While your method of selection involves appointment, does your selection method also include a component of election (partisan, non-partisan, retention)?

- Yes
- No

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### Election of Appellate Court Judges/Justices

21. Is the election of judicial officers held on the same day as other partisan elections (i.e. presidential, governor, legislative, etc)?

- Yes  
 No

22. Would you recommend modifying the timing of your state's election?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

23. Would you recommend modifying the qualifications for holding judicial office?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

24. Would you recommend modifying the term length of judges in your state?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

25. How, if at all, would you recommend modifying the recruitment and selection process in your state?

- I wouldn't recommend any modifications.  
 I would recommend the following modifications:

26. Would you recommend modifying the campaign finance system?

- No  
 Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

27. Would you recommend modifying the ballot access requirements?

No

Yes (Please specify your recommendation or reasoning below)

28. Please add any other information that you think might be helpful in consideration of your state's method of judicial selection.



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### Contacts

29. Can you recommend to the Texas Commission on Judicial Selection any judges, legislators, practicing lawyers, or academics whom you feel have particular knowledge about judicial selection in your state or generally that might benefit the Commission in its study? If so, please indicate their name(s) and position below (contact information would be helpful if readily available).

30. (OPTIONAL) Please provide your name and your state.

Name

State