



Judicial Selection in the States

Appellate and General Jurisdiction Courts

Initial Selection: Intermediate Appellate Courts

Merit Selection (16)	Partisan Election (7)	Non-Partisan Election (11)	Gubernatorial Appointment (3)	Legislative Appointment (2)
Alaska	Alabama	Arkansas	California	South Carolina
Arizona	Illinois	Georgia	Kansas	Virginia
Colorado	Louisiana	Idaho	New Jersey ³	
Connecticut	New Mexico	Kentucky		
Delaware	Ohio ¹	Michigan		
Florida	Pennsylvania	Minnesota		
Hawaii	Texas	Mississippi		
Indiana		North Carolina		
Iowa		Oregon		
Maryland ²		Washington		
Massachusetts ²		Wisconsin		
Missouri				
Nebraska				
New York ²				
Oklahoma				
Tennessee				
Utah				

1. Candidates appear on the general election ballot without party affiliation but are nominated in partisan primary elections.

2. Merit selection is established by executive order.

3. The chief justice of the supreme court assigns superior court judges to serve on the appellate division of the superior court.