



Judicial Selection in the States

Appellate and General Jurisdiction Courts

“Initial Selection: Courts of Last Resort”

Merit Selection (25)	Partisan Election (8)	Non-Partisan Election (13)	Gubernatorial Appointment (3)	Legislative Appointment (2)
Alaska	Alabama	Arkansas	California	South Carolina
Arizona	Illinois	Georgia	Maine	Virginia
Colorado	Louisiana	Idaho	New Jersey	
Connecticut	Michigan ¹	Kentucky		
Delaware ²	Ohio ³	Minnesota		
District of Columbia	Pennsylvania	Mississippi		
Florida	Texas	Montana		
Hawaii	West Virginia	Nevada		
Indiana		North Carolina		
Iowa		North Dakota		
Kansas		Oregon		
Maryland ²		Washington		
Massachusetts ²		Wisconsin		
Missouri				
Nebraska				
New Hampshire ²				
New Mexico				
New York				
Oklahoma				
Rhode Island				
South Dakota				
Tennessee				
Utah				
Vermont				
Wyoming				

1. Candidates appear on the general election ballot without party affiliation but may be nominated at political party conventions.

2. Merit selection is established by executive order.

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