

Judicial Selection in the State Legislatures

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Trend

2007 and 2008: at least 30 state legislatures actively debated the matter.

Indications trend will increase in 2009 with items on the 2010 ballot.

Move toward Federal system

Arizona

Minnesota

South Carolina

Switch from Partisan to Nonpartisan Elections

Alabama

Georgia

Maryland

Mississippi (signed into law 2008)

South Carolina

Tennessee

West Virginia

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Move to Merit

Alabama (2 counties)	North Carolina
Maryland	Ohio
Minnesota	Pennsylvania
Missouri (1 county)	Texas
Mississippi	Washington
Nevada	West Virginia

End Merit Selection

Alabama

Oklahoma

Arizona

Tennessee

Hawaii

Indiana (St. Joseph's County only)

Kansas (Statewide & Johnson County)

Missouri

New Mexico

Public Financing of Judicial Campaigns

Arizona

Connecticut

Georgia

Idaho

Illinois

Kentucky

Michigan

Montana

New Mexico

New York

Oklahoma

Washington

Wisconsin

Legislative Study Commissions

Georgia

Indiana (St. Joseph's County only)

North Dakota (public forums)

West Virginia