

1 In each instance, those appointees were made from some  
2 list furnished the Chief Executive for guidance in the  
3 appointment of a lawyer to a vacancy on the bench.

4 Under the present system, that appointee not less  
5 than one year following his appointment must run for  
6 election without a party designation, with the right to file  
7 and cross-file in the primaries, and against live  
8 opponents, if any.

9 Following the election of the appointee or his  
10 opponent, if elected in such an election, the successful  
11 party serves for a term of 15 years. At the expiration  
12 of that term, the process is repeated, if the incumbent has  
13 not reached compulsory retirement age, and the same pro-  
14 cedure is followed over again following appointment between  
15 the expiration of the term and the next general election,  
16 and the next general election following not earlier than  
17 one year thereafter to fill the then existing vacancy.

18 The basic difficulty, as our committee saw it,  
19 with this process at the list level is the number of  
20 lists furnished. There are several, or first of all,  
21 we do not have a unified bar association as yet in the