

1 judges of appellate courts. That is, the proposed Court
2 of Appeals and the intermediate Appellate Court, although
3 we strongly recommend that such commissions not include
4 a judge as a member.

5 There are some extremely important reasons why
6 we would rather see judges at the trial court level
7 selected in essentially the same manner as is presently
8 employed.

9 For one, we wish to have the public participate
10 actively in the selection of trial judges. By first
11 having the governor appoint a judge, then having him run
12 in an open election, the public will be able to express
13 itself on both the wisdom of the governor and the compe-
14 tence of his appointee.

15 A simple yes or no vote, on a judge who has served
16 for two years or so is not nearly the same as a vote for
17 a specific candidate. An important factor here is that
18 citizens may well either blindly vote yes or, worse,
19 not vote at all when called upon to consider a judicial
20 selection where they have no control over future selection.

21 Our proposed amendment to the report of the