

1 Judicial Branch would eliminate judicial nominating com-
2 missions for Superior Courts and District Courts. It
3 would have the governor appoint judges for two years, then
4 have the new appointees run in open election against any
5 qualified person who either felt the appointee had not
6 adequately performed his duty to date or he felt that
7 he could perform the judicial function better.

8 This is a far more responsible approach than
9 that offered by the majority for these reasons:

10 First, the judge initially is appointed by the
11 governor, our Chief Executive, and not after his alterna-
12 tives have been reduced to as few as two by a nominating
13 commission responsible to no one.

14 The appointment in this manner we add is arrived
15 at from the whole range of all possible appointees.

16 Second, the election contest is open rather
17 than limited simply to ratifying the appointment virtually
18 controlled by the nominating commission. The appointee
19 knows clearly he holds office at the will of the citizens
20 of his community or state. Assuming that the citizens of
21 Maryland will always retain the inherent right to control