

JUDICIAL BRANCH

STATE COURTS OF LAST RESORT*

State or other juri- s-diction	Name of Court**	Justices chosen		Method of selection†	Chief Justice	
		At large	By dist.			Term‡
ALAS. . .	S.C.	★ ¹	..	Popular election		6 yrs.
ALA. . .	S.C.	★	..	Nominated by Judicial Council; appointed by Governor		Remainder of term as Justice
ARIZ. . .	S.C.	★	..	Selected by Court		Unspecified
ARK. . .	S.C.	★	..	Popular election		8 yrs.
CAL. . .	S.C.	★ ¹	..	Appointed by Governor		Remainder of term as Justice
COLO. . .	S.C.	★	..	Appointed by Court-rotation		1 yr.
CONN. . .	S.C.	★ ²	..	Nominated by Gov., apptd. by Gen. Assembly		8 yrs.
DEL. . .	S.C.	★ ³	..	Appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate		12 yrs.
FLA. . .	S.C.	★	..	Appointed by Court		2 yrs.
GA. . . .	S.C.	★	..	Appointed by Court		Remainder of term as Justice
HAWAII	S.C.	★ ⁴	..	Appointed by Governor with consent of Senate		7 yrs.
IDAHO . .	S.C.	★	..	Justice with shortest time to serve		Remainder of term as Justice
ILL. . . .	S.C.	..	★ ³	Appointed by Court-rotation		3 yrs.
IND. . . .	S.C.	★	..	Appointed by Court-rotation		6 mos.
IOWA . .	S.C.	★ ¹	..	Selected by Court		Remainder of term as Judge
KAN. . .	S.C.	★ ¹	..	Seniority of service		Remainder of term as Justice
KY. . . .	C.A.	..	★	Seniority of service-rotation		18 mos.
LA. . . .	S.C.	..	★	Seniority of service		Remainder of term as Justice
MAINE . .	S.J.C.	★ ²	..	Appointed by Governor		7 yrs.
MD. . . .	C.A.	..	★ ¹	Selected by Governor		Remainder of term as Judge
MASS. . .	S.J.C.	★ ³	..	Appointed by Governor		Life
MICH. . .	S.C.	★ ²	..	Appointed by Court		Pleasure of Court
MINN. . .	S.C.	★	..	Popular election		6 yrs.
MISS. . .	S.C.	..	★	Seniority of service		Remainder of term as Justice
MO. . . .	S.C.	★ ¹	..	Appointed by Court-rotation		2 yrs.
MONT. . .	S.C.	★	..	Popular election		6 yrs.
NEBR. . .	S.C.	..	★ ^{1,4}	Popular election		6 yrs.
NEV. . . .	S.C.	★	..	Seniority of service-rotation		2 yrs.
N. H. . .	S.C.	★ ³	..	Appointed by Governor and Council		To age 70
N. J. . .	S.C.	★ ³	..	Appointed by Governor with consent of Senate		7 yrs. with reappointment for life
N. MEX. .	S.C.	★	..	Justice with shortest term to serve		Remainder of term as Justice
N. Y. . .	C.A.	★	..	Popular election		14 yrs.
N. C. . .	S.C.	★	..	Popular election		8 yrs.
N. D. . .	S.C.	★	..	Justice with shortest term to serve		2 yrs.
OHIO . .	S.C.	★	..	Popular election		6 yrs.
OKLA. . .	S.C.	★ ⁵	★ ⁵	Appointed by Court		2 yrs.
ORE. . . .	S.C.	★	..	Majority vote of members of Supreme Court		6 yrs.
PA. . . .	S.C.	★	..	Justice with shortest time to serve		Remainder of term as Justice
PU. RICO	S.C.	★ ³	..	Appointed by Governor with consent of Senate		To age 70
R. I. . .	S.C.	★ ⁶	..	Elected by Legislature		Life