

**Section 5.11. Composition.**

The District Court shall consist of the number of judges prescribed by law. The State shall be divided by law into districts. Each district shall consist of one county or two or more entire and adjoining counties. The number of judges shall be allocated among the districts by law. At least one district court judge shall reside in each county. Functional divisions of the District Court may be established in any district.

**Section 5.12. Commissioners.**

There may be district court commissioners in the number and with the qualifications prescribed by rule. Commissioners in a district shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of that judge of the District Court who shall be designated by rule to appoint commissioners therein. Commissioners may exercise powers only with respect to warrants of arrest, or bail or collateral or other terms of pre-trial release pending hearing, or incarceration pending hearing, and then only as prescribed by rule.

***SELECTION AND TENURE OF JUDGES***

**Section 5.13. Judicial Circuits.**

The State shall be divided by law into circuits of the Court of Appeals and into circuits of the Intermediate Appellate Court.

**Section 5.14. Eligibility for Nomination and Appointment.**

A judge shall have been a citizen of the State and shall have been authorized to practice law in the State for at least five years immediately preceding his nomination. A nominee for judge of the Court of Appeals or of the Intermediate Appellate Court shall be a resident of the circuit where that court vacancy exists. A nominee for judge of the Superior Court shall be a resident of the county where the vacancy exists. A nominee for judge of the District Court shall be a resident of the district where the vacancy exists.