

- (e) Each Commission shall distribute informational and educational materials concerning judicial vacancies and the functions of the Commission, in order to inform the public of the Judicial selection process of the State.

[5.] 6. Confidentiality

[Except for the names of those individuals actually nominated to the Governor by a Commission, the names] THE NAME of an individual who submits a personal data questionnaire to a Commission [is confidential and] may not be made public by [anyone] THE COMMISSION UNTIL AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR FILING QUESTIONNAIRES. [However, the] THE Administrative Office of the Courts may [release] SUBMIT the names of those individuals to a bar association, on receiving satisfactory assurances that the committee or president OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION will not release or permit the release [of the names] to the public OF ANY RANKING OF THE INDIVIDUALS BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OR RESULTS OF ANY BALLOTS RETURNED FROM MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION. A personal data questionnaire submitted to a Commission is confidential and may not be released by anyone other than the applicant, except that the Administrative Office of the Courts shall forward to the Governor the personal data questionnaires of those individuals actually nominated to the Governor by a Commission.

[6.] 7. Appointment

- (a) The Governor shall fill a judicial vacancy by selecting a person from the list submitted by the appropriate Commission.
- (b) With respect to any judicial vacancy, the Governor also may fill the most recent judicial vacancy by selecting a person from any list previously submitted by the appropriate Commission for a judicial vacancy on the same court for which the current list is submitted if the previous list was submitted within one calendar year of the occurrence of the most recent vacancy and information on the nominees is updated.

[7. Definitions