

HJR 73 -- Appointment of Judges

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment repeals the nonpartisan selection of judges in Missouri. Beginning January 1, 2010, judicial appointments will be made by the Governor and confirmed by the Judicial Confirmation Commission, comprised of three members of the Missouri Bar to be appointed by the Governor, two members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. The commission must consider recommendations made by the Missouri Bar during the confirmation process which include exceptionally qualified, qualified, no opinion, or not qualified.