

2016 State Supreme Court Elections

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Contested Partisan and Nonpartisan Elections								
AL	Mar. 1, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Partisan	3	0	4	<u>Position 3:</u> Donna J. Beaulieu, Republican Tom Parker, Republican*	<u>Position 1:</u> Michael F. "Mike" Bolin, Republican* <u>Position 2:</u> Kelli Wise, Republican* <u>Position 3:</u> Tom Parker, Republican*
AR	No Primary Election	Mar. 1, 2016	Nonpartisan	2	2	4	Not Applicable	<u>Chief Justice Seat:</u> Courtney Goodson* Dan Kemp <u>Position 5:</u> Clark W. Mason Shawn. A. Womack
GA	May 24, 2016	No General Election	Nonpartisan	1	0	1	David Nahmias*	Not Applicable
ID	May 17, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	2	1	5	<u>Seat 1:</u> Roger S. Burdick* <u>Seat 2:</u> Robyn Brody Sergio A. Gutierrez Curt McKenzie Clive J. Strong	<u>Seat 1:</u> Roger S. Burdick* <u>Seat 2:</u> Robyn Brody Curt McKenzie
KY	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	1	1	2	Not Applicable	Larry VanMeter Glenn Acree

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LA	Nov. 8, 2016	No General Election	Partisan	2	1	3	<u>3rd District Justice</u> Marilyn Castle, Republican James “Jimmy” Genovese, Republican <u>4th District Judge</u> Marcus Clark, Republican*	Not Applicable
MI	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan (candidates are nominated through a partisan process and elected in a nonpartisan general election)	2	2	6	Not Applicable	<u>Seat 1:</u> David Viviano, Republican* Doug Dern, Natural Law Party Frank Szymanski, Democrat <u>Seat 2:</u> Joan Larsen, Republican* Kerry Morgan, Liberal Deborah Thomas, Democrat
MN	Aug. 9, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	1	1	3	Natalie Hudson* Craig Foss Michelle L. McDonald	Natalie Hudson* Michelle L. McDonald
MS	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	4	3	9	Not Applicable	<u>District 1:</u> Jim Kitchens (Place 3)* Kenny Griffis (Place 3) <u>District 2:</u> Dawn Beam (Place 2)* Michael T. Shareef (Place 2) <u>District 3:</u> John Brady (Place 1) James T. "Jim" Kitchens (Place 1) Bobby Chamberlin (Place 1) Steve Crampton, (Place 1) Jimmy Maxwell (Place 2)*

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MT	Jun. 7, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	3	1	5	<u>Chief Justice Seat:</u> Mike McGrath* <u>Seat 3:</u> Dirk Sandefur Eric Mills Kristen Juras <u>Seat 6:</u> Jim Shea*	<u>Chief Justice Seat:</u> Mike McGrath* <u>Seat 3:</u> Dirk Sandefur Kristen Juras <u>Seat 6:</u> Jim Shea*
NC	June 7, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	1	1	4	Robert H. Edmunds* Sabra Faires Michael R. Morgan Daniel Robertson	Robert H. Edmunds* Michael R. Morgan
ND	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	2	1	3	Not Applicable	<u>Seat 1:</u> Lisa Faires McEvers* <u>Seat 2:</u> Robert Bolinske Jr Jerod Elton Tufte
NM	June 7, 2016	November 8, 2016	Partisan	1	1	2	Michael Vigil, Democrat Judith Nakamura, Republican	Michael Vigil, Democrat Judith Nakamura, Republican
NV	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	2	0	2	Not Applicable	<u>Seat A:</u> Jim Hardesty* <u>Seat E:</u> Ron Parraguirre*
OH	Mar. 15, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan (Candidates participate in an partisan primary and a nonpartisan general election)	3	2	6	<u>Chief Justice Seat:</u> Maureen O'Connor, Republican* <u>Seat 1:</u> Pat Fischer, Republican Colleen O'Toole, Republican John O'Donnell, Democrat <u>Seat 2:</u> Pat DeWine, Republican Cynthia Rice, Democrat	<u>Chief Justice Seat:</u> Maureen O'Connor, Nonpartisan* <u>Seat 1:</u> Pat Fischer, Nonpartisan John O'Donnell, Nonpartisan <u>Seat 2:</u> Pat DeWine, Nonpartisan Cynthia Rice, Nonpartisan

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TX	Mar. 1, 2016 Partisan Runoff Election: May 24	Nov. 8, 2016	Partisan	The Supreme Court of Texas (civil): 3 Court of Criminal Appeals (criminal): 3	The Supreme Court of Texas: 3 Court of Criminal Appeals: 3	21	<u>The Supreme Court of Texas:</u> <u>Position 3:</u> Debra Lehrmann, Republican* Michael Massengale, Republican Mike Westergren, Democrat <u>Position 5:</u> Paul Green, Republican* Rick Green, Republican Dori Contreras Garza, Democrat <u>Position 9:</u> Eva Guzman, Republican* Joe Poole, Republican Savannah Robinson, Democrat <u>Court of Criminal Appeals</u> <u>Position 2:</u> Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Democrat* Mary Lou Keel, Republican <u>Position 5:</u> Scott Walker, Republican Ray Wheless, Republican Chris Oldner, Republican <u>Position 5:</u> Scott Walker, Republican Brent Webster, Republican Steve Smith, Republican Sid Harle, Republican Betsy Johnson, Democrat <u>Position 6:</u> Michael E. Keasler, Republican*	<u>The Supreme Court of Texas</u> <u>Position 3:</u> Debra Lehrmann, Republican* Mike Westergren, Democrat <u>Position 5:</u> Paul Green, Republican* Dori Contreras Garza, Democrat <u>Position 9:</u> Eva Guzman, Republican* Savannah Robinson, Democrat <u>Court of Criminal Appeals</u> <u>Position 2:</u> Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Democrat* Mary Lou Keel, Republican <u>Position 5:</u> Scott Walker, Republican Betsy Johnson, Democrat <u>Position 6:</u> Michael Keasler, Republican* Robert Burns, Democrat

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							Richard Davis, Republican Robert Burns, Democrat	
WA	Aug. 2, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Nonpartisan	3	3	6	<u>Position 5:</u> Barbara Madsen* Greg Zempel John Scannel	<u>Position 1:</u> Mary Yu* David DeWolfe <u>Position 5</u> Barbara Madsen* Greg Zempel <u>Position 6:</u> Charles Wiggins* Dave Larson
WI	Feb. 16, 2016	Apr. 5, 2016	Nonpartisan	1	1	3	Rebecca Bradley* Joanne Kloppenburg Joe Donald	Rebecca Bradley* Joanne Kloppenburg
WV	No Primary Election	May 10, 2016	Nonpartisan	1	1	5	Not Applicable	Brent Benjamin* Beth Walker William R. Bill Wooton Wayne King Darrell V. McGraw
Retention Elections								
AK	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	2	Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	Joel H. Bolger* Peter J. Maassen*
AZ	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	1	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable	Ann Scott Timmer*
CO	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	1	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable	William Hood*
FL	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	3	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	Charles T. Canaday* Jorge Labarga* Ricky L. Polston*
IA	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	3	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	Mark Cady* Daryl Hecht* Brent Appel*

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KS	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	5	Not Applicable	5	Not Applicable	Carol Beier* Dan Biles* Lawton Nuss* Marla Luckert* Caleb Stegall*
MD	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	2	Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	Clayton Greene* Michele Hotten*
MO	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	1	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable	Richard B. Teitelman*
NE	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	3	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	Michael G. Heavican* John F. Wright* William B. Cassel*
NM	June 7, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	Partisan/ Retention	1	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable	Barbara Vigil*
OK	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	Supreme Court (civil): 2 Court of Criminal Appeals: 1	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	<u>Oklahoma Supreme Court</u> Douglas Combs* James Winchester* <u>Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals</u> Robert Hudson*
TN	No Primary Election	Aug. 4, 2016	Retention	3	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	Jeffery S. Bivins* Holly Kirby* Roger A. Page*
WY	No Primary Election	Nov. 8, 2016	Retention	3	Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	Keith G. Kautz* William U. Hill* Catherine M. Fox*

On Election Day, November 8, 2016:

- **27** states will have elections for their high court for a total of **65** seats
 - **24** seats are contested, meaning there are multiple candidates vying for a seat.
 - **13** seats are uncontested (does not include retention elections)
 - **28** seats will be decided through retention elections
- Of those 27 states:

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- **12** states will have nonpartisan elections for **25** available seats
 - Contested nonpartisan elections will take place for **16** seats
 - Uncontested nonpartisan elections will take place for at least **9** seats
- **4** states will have partisan elections for **12** available seats
 - Contested partisan elections will take place for **8** seats
 - Uncontested partisan elections will take place for **4** seats
- **12** states will have retention elections for **28** seats
- *Note: New Mexico is holding both a partisan election and a retention election, thus it has been counted twice in this breakdown, but only once in the overall sum of 27 states holding elections this fall.*

In addition, **6** states held high court elections previously this year, for a total of **10** seats.

- Of those 6 states:
 - **5** states held nonpartisan elections for **7** seats
 - Contested nonpartisan elections took place for **4** seats
 - Uncontested nonpartisan elections took place for **3** seats
 - **1** state held a retention election for **3** seats
 - *Note: This total includes Oregon, which held an election for two seats earlier this year, but which will also be holding an election for one seat on November 8.*

By then end of 2016, **32 states** will have held elections for their high courts, for a total of **75** seats.