

Gavel to Gavel

A review of state legislation affecting the courts

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Selection: Newly Introduced

[Mississippi HB 304](#) Requires election of county officers, including justice court judge, chancery clerk, and circuit clerk, be nonpartisan. In House County Affairs and Apportionment/Elections Committees.

[Missouri HJR 58 \(Constitutional Amendment\)](#) Permits Governor to veto first slate of names submitted by Nonpartisan Judicial Commission. Permits Governor to select name from first or any second panel. Changes composition of commissions: Statewide - Three attorneys selected by state bar, four nonattorneys selected by Governor; Circuit- Two attorneys, three nonattorneys. Requires those named to commissions be confirmed by Senate. Allows incoming governor to remove any commission members put in place by previous governor. Requires all commission hearings, debates, and votes be open. In House (no committee).

[South Carolina SB 4278](#) Requires individuals seeking to be appointed as magistrates be screened by county legislative delegation prior to appointment by Governor and Senate confirmation. In Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Selection: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE

Qualifications and Terms: Newly Introduced

[Indiana SB 122](#) Requires the judge of a city or town court to be an attorney in good standing admitted to the practice of law in Indiana. Permits nonattorneys currently serving to continue to serve until the end of their term only. Increases certain city and town court jurisdiction from \$3,000 to \$6,000. In Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Qualifications and Terms: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE

Rule Making Authority: Newly Introduced

[New Hampshire SB 356](#) Requires writs and processes in civil actions to be in the form provided in rules adopted by the Supreme Court. In Senate Judiciary Committee.

Rule Making Authority: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE



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Structure Changes: Newly Introduced

NONE

Structure Changes: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE

Jurisdiction: Newly Introduced

[Mississippi HB 255](#) Increases Justice Court Jurisdiction to \$10,000. In House Judiciary B Committee.

Jurisdiction: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE

Salary and Budget: Newly Introduced

[New Hampshire SB 357](#) Authorizing the judicial retirement plan to deduct a health insurance premium contribution from allowances. In Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee.

Salary and Budget: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE

Other: Newly Introduced

[Indiana HB 1044](#) Provides that a circuit court clerk is not personally liable for acts or omissions in the performance of the clerk's duties absent gross negligence or intentional

disregard of the responsibilities of the office of clerk. Specifies that the fact that a clerk is not personally liable does not preclude an action against the clerk's bond based on an error or omission committed by the clerk. In House Committee on Local Government.

[Mississippi HB 297](#) Requires Justice Courts set aside one day a week to hear only traffic cases. In House Judiciary B Committee.

Other: Floor and Committee Activity

NONE