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Legal Authorization

State	Constitution, statute, or executive order	All or interim vacancies?	Number of nominees?	Legislative confirmation of nominee required?	Reselection
Alaska	Constitution	All	At least 2	No	Retention election
Arizona	Constitution	All	At least 3	No	Retention election
Colorado	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Connecticut	Constitution	All	n/i	Yes	Reappointment
Delaware	Executive Order	All	At least 3	Yes	Reappointment
District of Columbia	Statute	All	3	Yes	Reappointment by commission
Florida	Constitution	All	3-6	No	Retention election
Hawaii	Constitution	All	4-6	Yes	Reappointment by commission
Idaho	Statute	Interim	2-4	No	Reelection
Indiana	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Iowa	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Kansas	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Kentucky	Constitution	Interim	3	No	Reelection
Maryland	Executive Order	All	At least 3	Yes	Retention election
Missouri	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Montana	Statute	Interim	3-5	Yes	Reelection/Retention election
Nebraska	Constitution	All	At least 2	No	Retention election
Nevada	Constitution	Interim	3	No	Reelection
New Mexico	Constitution	Interim	At least 2	No	Reelection
New York	Constitution	All	3-7	Yes	Reappointment
North Dakota	Constitution	Interim	2-7	No	Reelection
Oklahoma	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election
Rhode Island	Constitution	All	3-5	Yes	Serve for life
South Dakota	Constitution	All	2 or more	No	Retention election
Tennessee	Executive Order	All	3	Yes	Retention election
Utah	Constitution	All	At least 3	Yes	Retention election

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Vermont	Constitution	All	As many as qualified	Yes	Reappointment
West Virginia	Statute	Interim	2-5	No	Reelection
Wyoming	Constitution	All	3	No	Retention election

n/i = not indicated