

Texas Commission on Judicial Selection **Working Groups**

1. Elections: Tom Phillips (Chair), Senator Chuy Hinojosa, Representative Ina Minjarez, Martha Hill-Jamieson, Senator Robert Nichols.
The group will critique the current system of partisan elections, provide the pros and cons of non-partisan elections, and discuss the usefulness of retention elections in a new system.

2. Appointments and confirmations: Wallace Jefferson (Chair), Senator Joan Huffman, Representative Todd Hunter, Representative Brooks Landgraf, Chip Babcock.
The group will study the pros and cons of the various methods for appointing judges, terms of office, and the desirability and nature of legislative confirmation of gubernatorial appointments.

3. Citizen panels and judicial qualifications: Lynne Liberato (Chair), Senator Brian Birdwell, Representative Carl Sherman, David Oliviera, David Beck.
The group will consider the role, if any, of citizen panels in a system with an appointed judiciary and consider changes to the current qualifications of Texas judges.