

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION DETAILS

- **Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and the Philadelphia Municipal Court.**
- **Constitutional Amendment must be passed by two sessions of the General Assembly; approved by a statewide ballot question; and, approved by the voters of the City of Philadelphia.**
- **Philadelphia Judicial Nominating Commission —**
 - **Consists of 19 persons — all residents of the City of Philadelphia.**
 - **Members should include men and women and reflect the civic, labor, business, geographic, political, economic, ethnic and racial diversity of the City of Philadelphia.**
 - **1 appointed by the Philadelphia District Attorney**
 - **1 appointed by the Philadelphia Chief Public Defender**
 - **3 appointed by the Philadelphia Bar Association**
 - **4 appointed by the Governor**
 - **2 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate**
 - **2 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate**
 - **3 appointed by the Democratic Party County Chair**
 - **3 appointed by the Republican Party County Chair**
- **The Philadelphia Judicial Nominating Commission shall only consider applicants for recommendation that —**
 - **Are a member in good standing of the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court;**
 - **Have engaged in the practice or teaching of law for at least 10 years; and,**
 - **Have demonstrated professional competence, judgement and integrity.**
- **The Governor may only nominate a person for Common Pleas or Municipal Court who has been recommended by the Nominating Commission.**
- **Each nominee for Common Pleas or Municipal Court must be confirmed by two-thirds of the members elected to the Pennsylvania Senate.**