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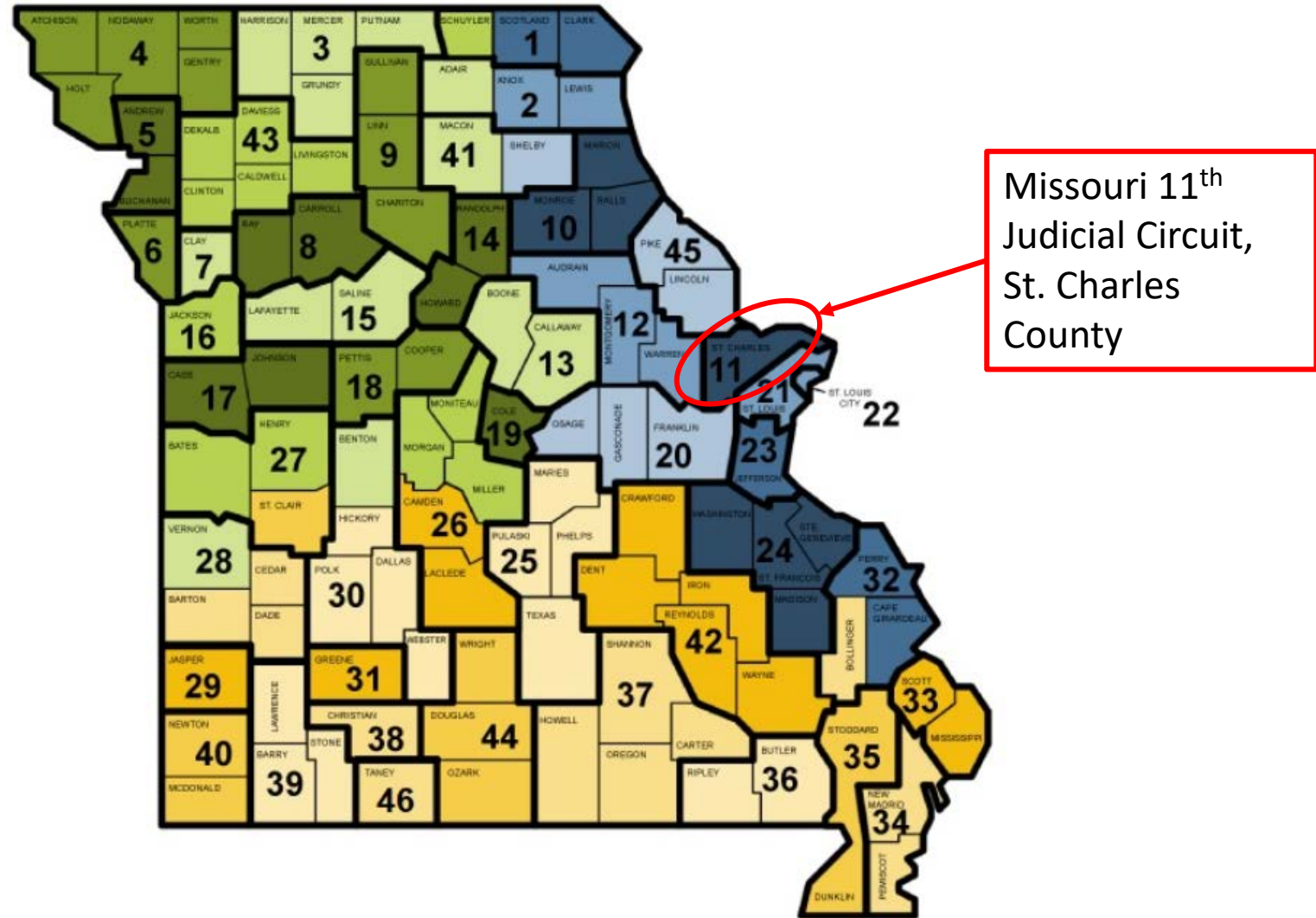
Honorable Henry Edward Autrey, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Missouri

Honorable Ted House, Circuit Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Missouri (Retired)

Honorable Joseph Goff, Jr, Associate Circuit Judge, 24th Judicial Circuit of Missouri

Missouri's 46 Judicial Circuits

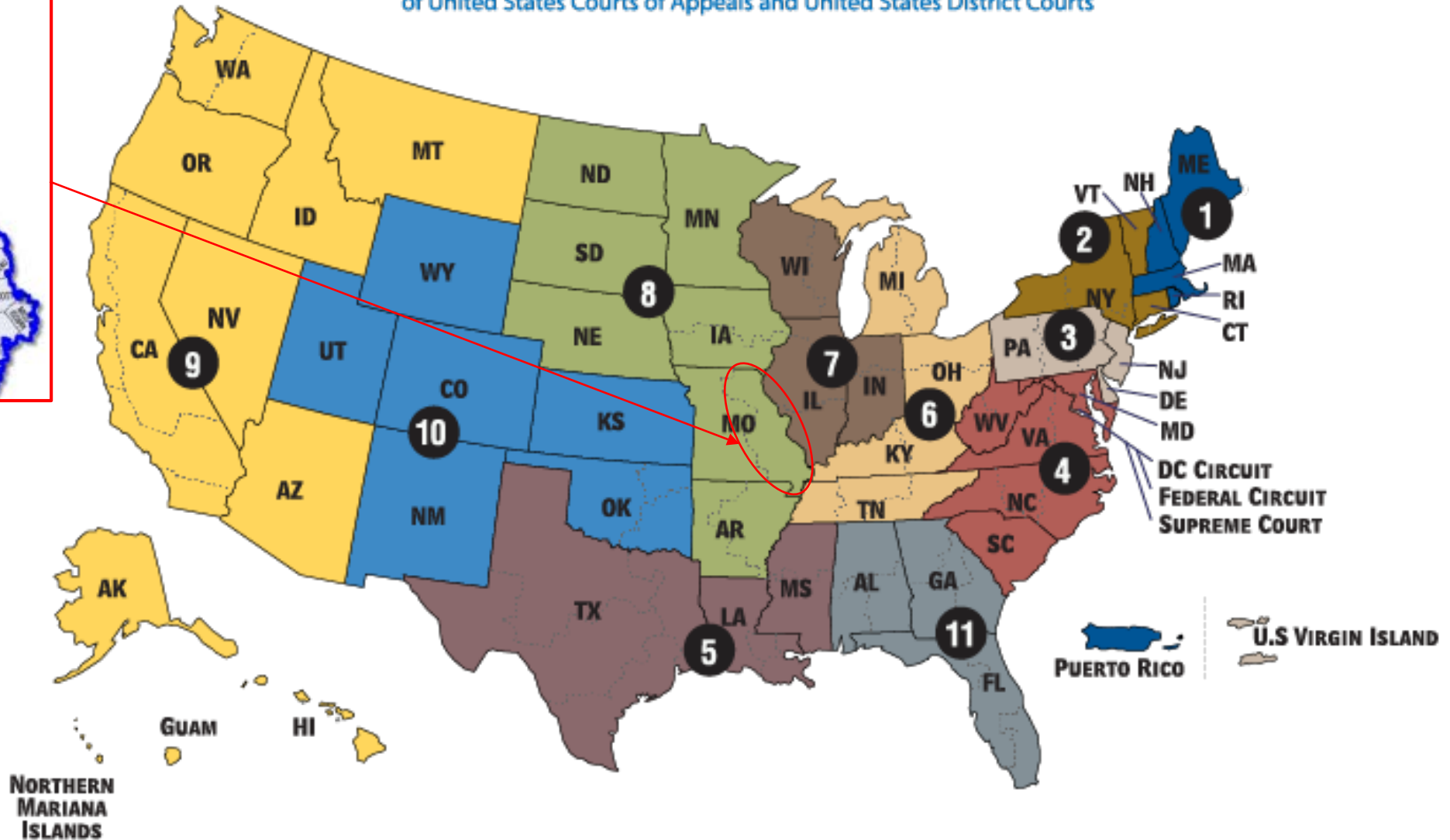
➤ 114 Counties + City of St. Louis



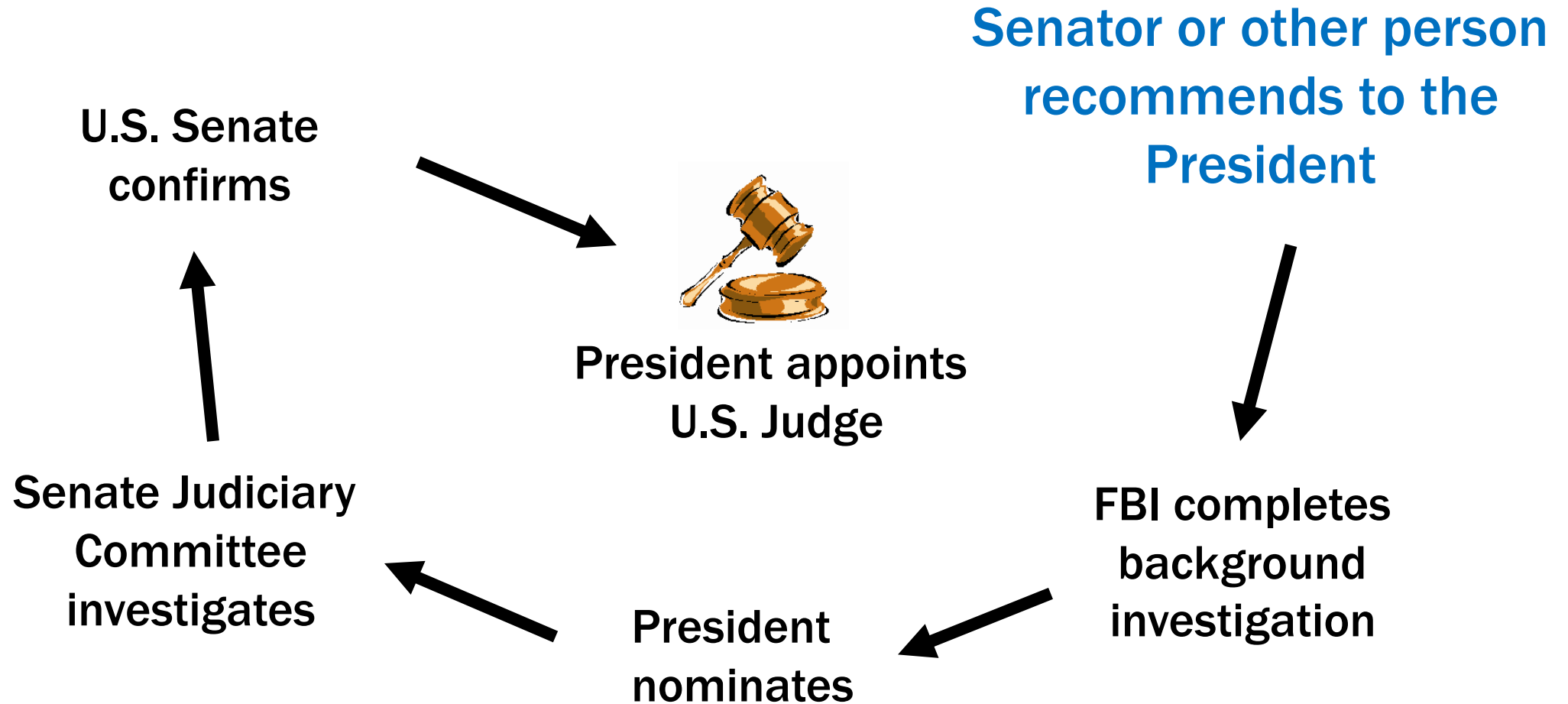
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri



Geographic Boundaries of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts





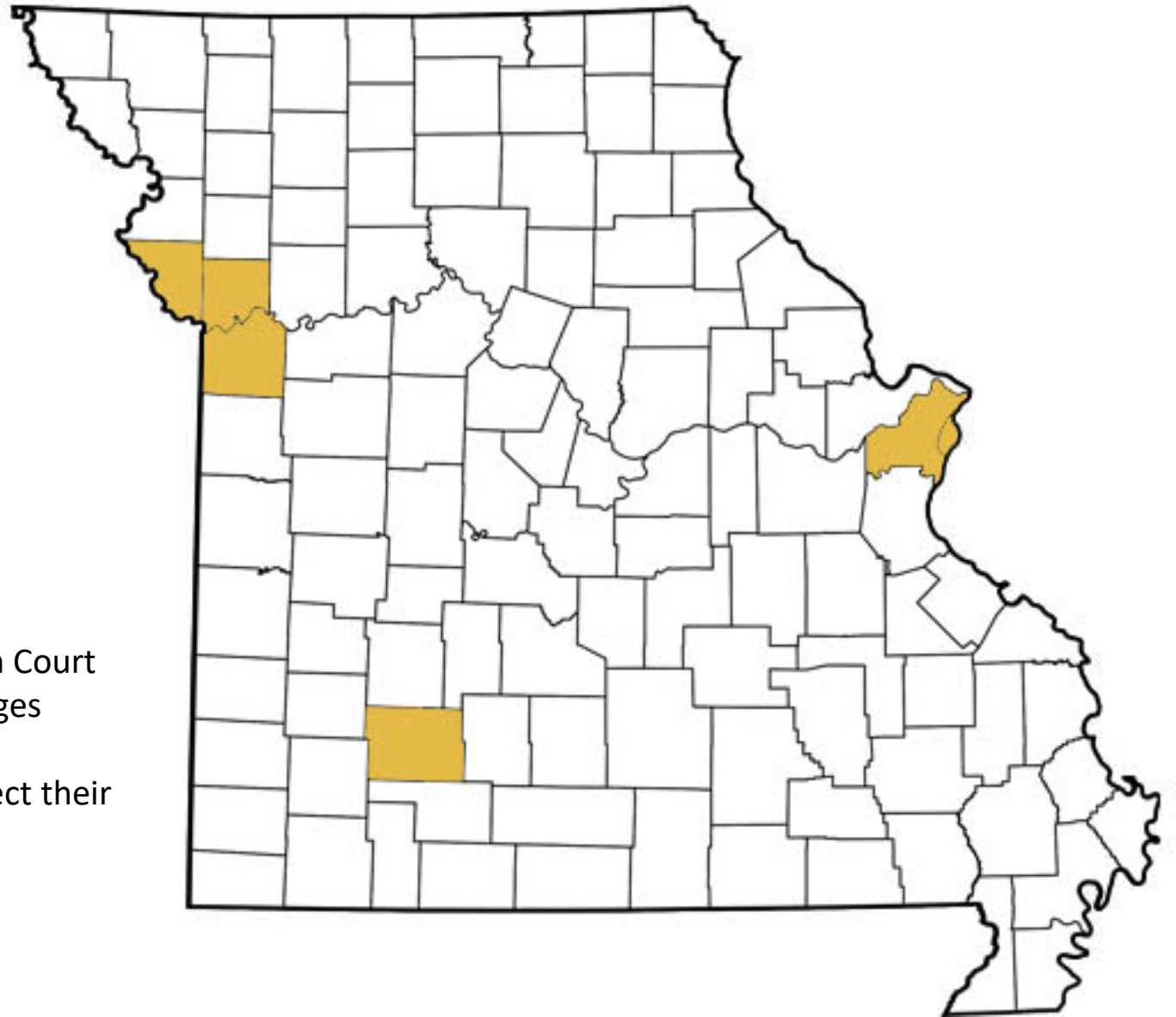
Selecting Federal Judges . . .



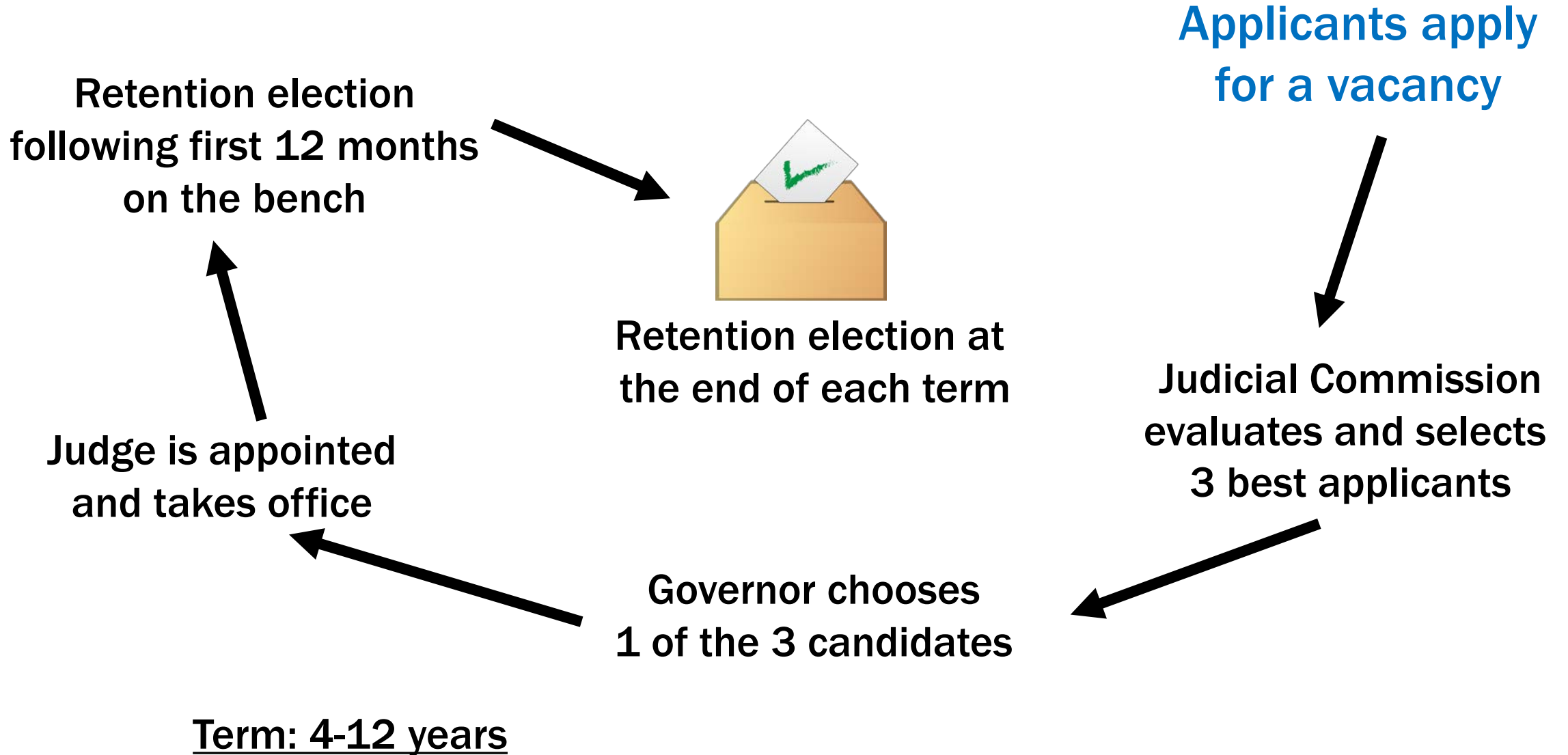
Term: Good Behavior

The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan

-  Counties currently using the Nonpartisan Court Plan to select their Circuit Court trial judges
-  Counties currently using elections to select their Circuit Court trial judges



Selecting Missouri Judges. . .



State Courts

General Jurisdiction
Missouri Constitution
Laws Enacted by
Missouri Legislature

CRIMINAL

- Drug possession and distribution
- Violent offenses with a weapon
- Domestic assault
- Stealing, burglary, property crimes
- Driving while suspended, intoxicated
- Juvenile offenses

State Courts

General Jurisdiction

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CIVIL

- Personal injury
- Car accidents
- Medical malpractice
- Business disputes
- Divorce, custody
- Probate

Federal Courts

Limited Jurisdiction

US Constitution

Laws Enacted by

Congress

CRIMINAL

- Cases involving interstate commerce
- Cases involving crossing state lines
- Cases involving use of mail, phone, internet
- Complex drug distribution
- Fraud, money laundering
- Federal fraud – tax, mail, social security
- Bank robbery
- Crimes on federal property
- Car jacking
- Felon in possession of a firearm

Federal Courts

Limited Jurisdiction

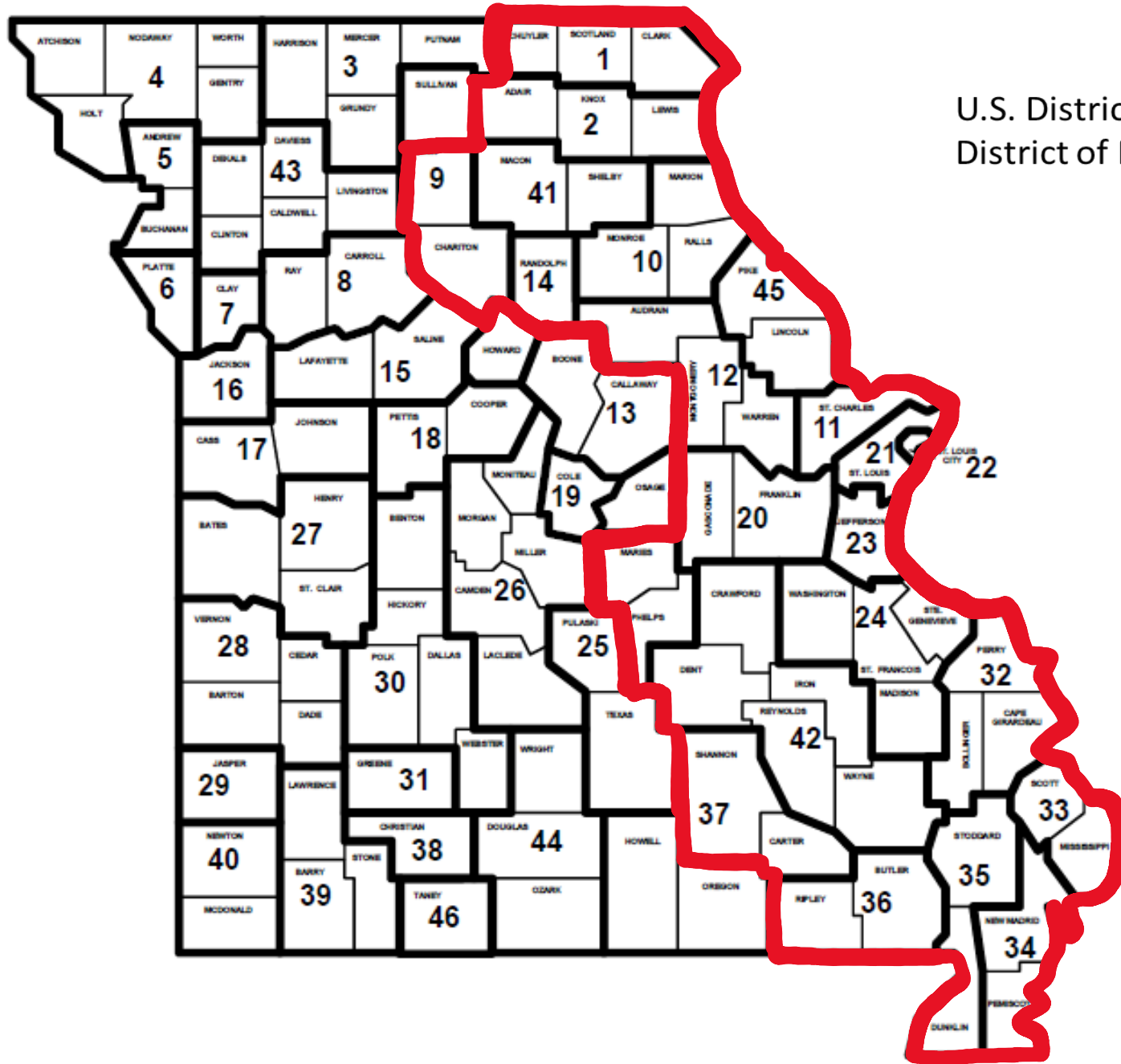
US Constitution

Laws Enacted by

Congress

CIVIL

- Diversity of citizenship – parties from two different states, amount of claim of \$75K
- Discrimination
- Civil Rights



U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Judge Henry E. Autrey has been a United States district judge for the Eastern District of Missouri since 2002. Previously, he served in the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri (St. Louis city) as a circuit judge from 1997 through 2002 and as an associate circuit judge from 1986 through 1997. Prior to taking the bench, he served the city of St. Louis as first assistant circuit attorney from 1984 through 1986 and as assistant circuit attorney from 1977 through 1986.

Ted House retired from the bench December 31, 2020, after nearly two decades of judicial service in the 11th Judicial Circuit (St. Charles County) and a total of 32 consecutive years in elected office. He served as a circuit judge from 2005 through 2020 – including a term as the circuit's presiding judge from 2007 to 2008 – and as an associate circuit judge from 2003 through 2004. He previously served in Missouri's General Assembly. He served from 1995 through 2002 in the state senate, representing a district encompassing Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike and Warren counties as well as a portion of St. Charles County. From 1989 through 1994, he represented the people of St. Charles County in the state house of representatives.

Judge Joseph L. Goff Jr. is an associate circuit judge in St. Francois County (in Missouri's 24th Judicial Circuit). He was appointed to the bench in an interim vacancy in 2015, was elected in 2016 to finish the interim term and was reelected to a full four-year term in 2018. At the time of his appointment, he had been serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Francois County since 2014. He previously served in the attorney general's office.

Thank You



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