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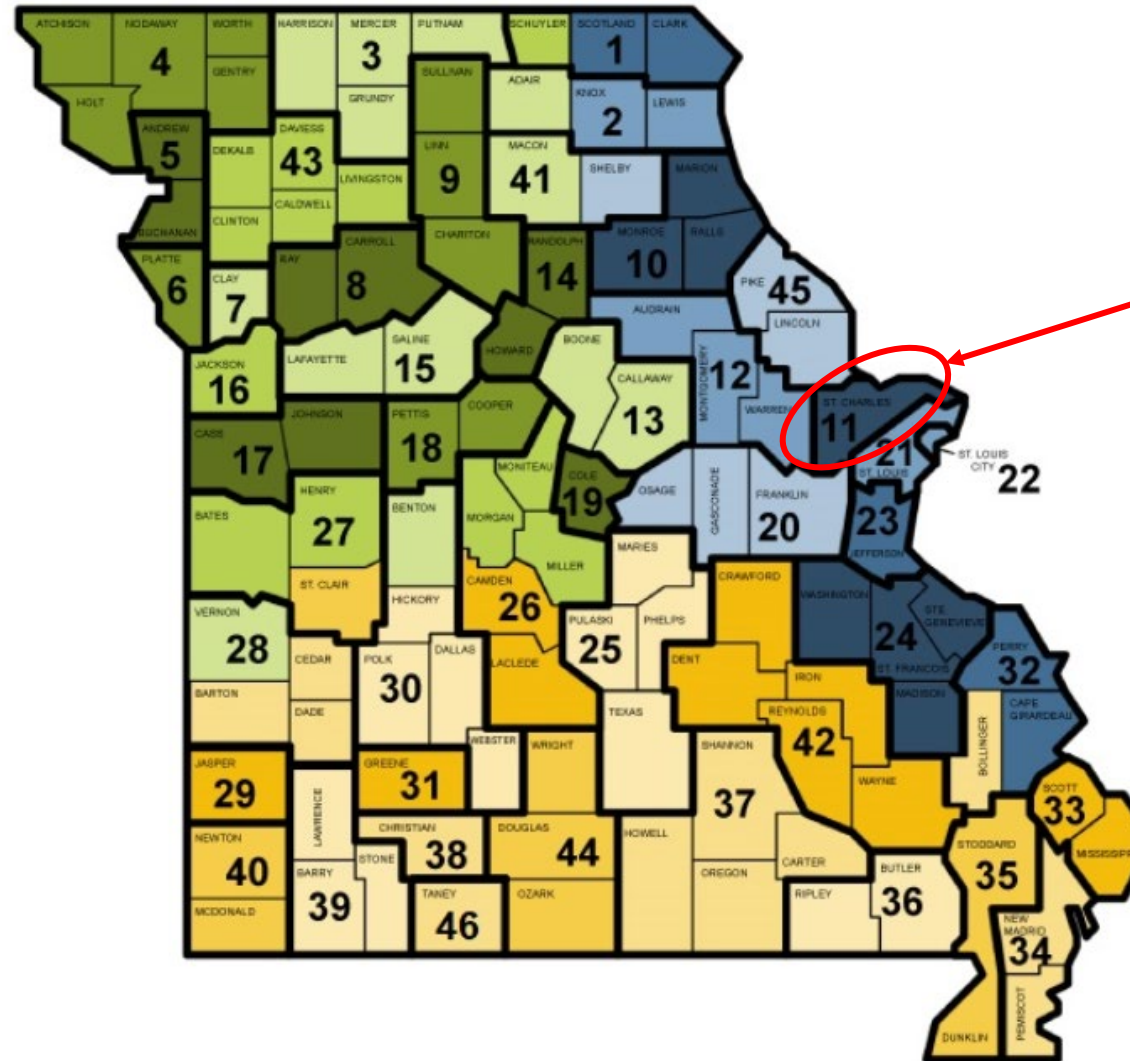
Honorable Henry Edward Autrey, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Missouri

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

Joseph Goff Jr., Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP
(former associate circuit judge, St. Francois County, Missouri)

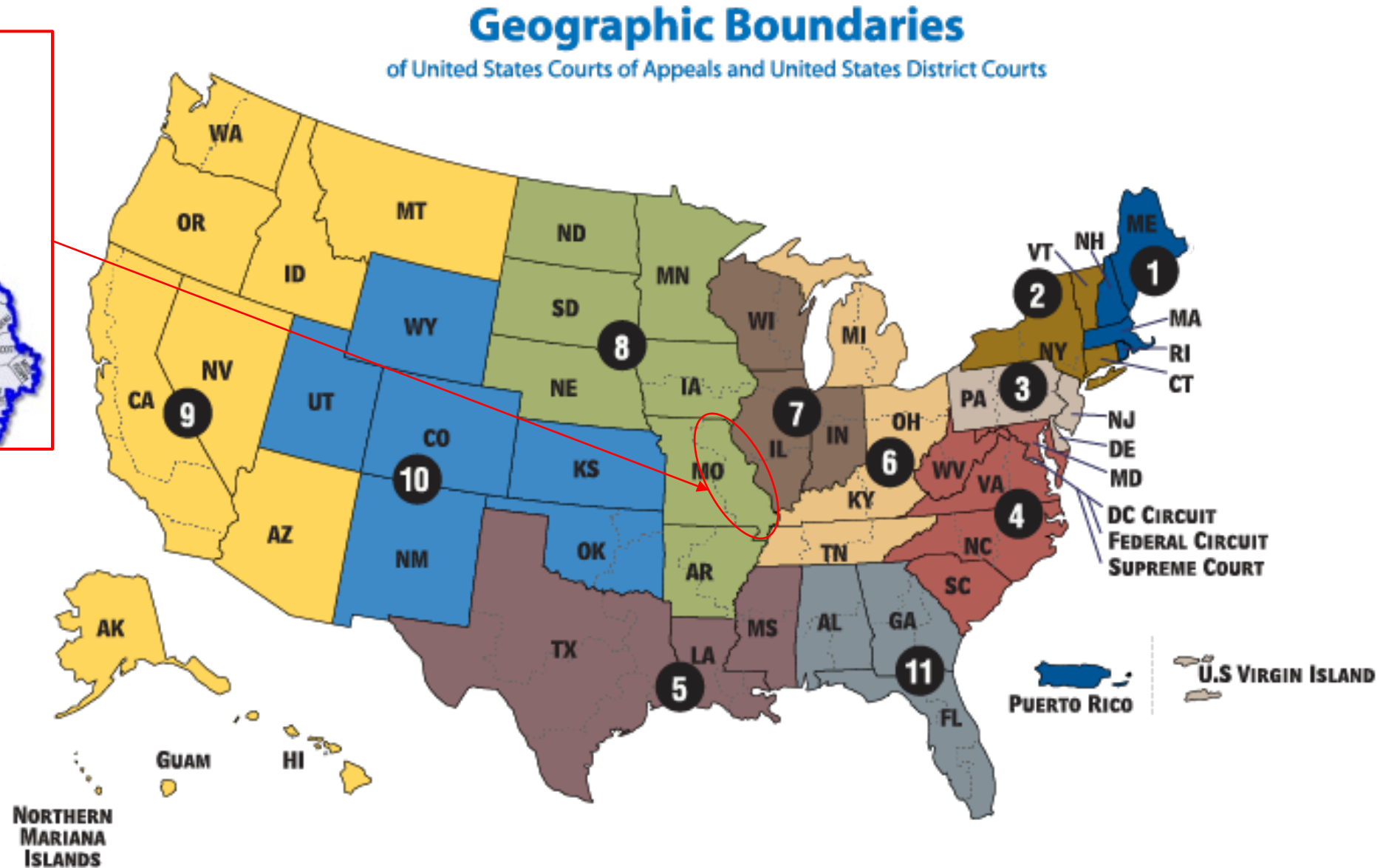
Missouri's 46 Judicial Circuits

➤ 114 Counties + City of St. Louis

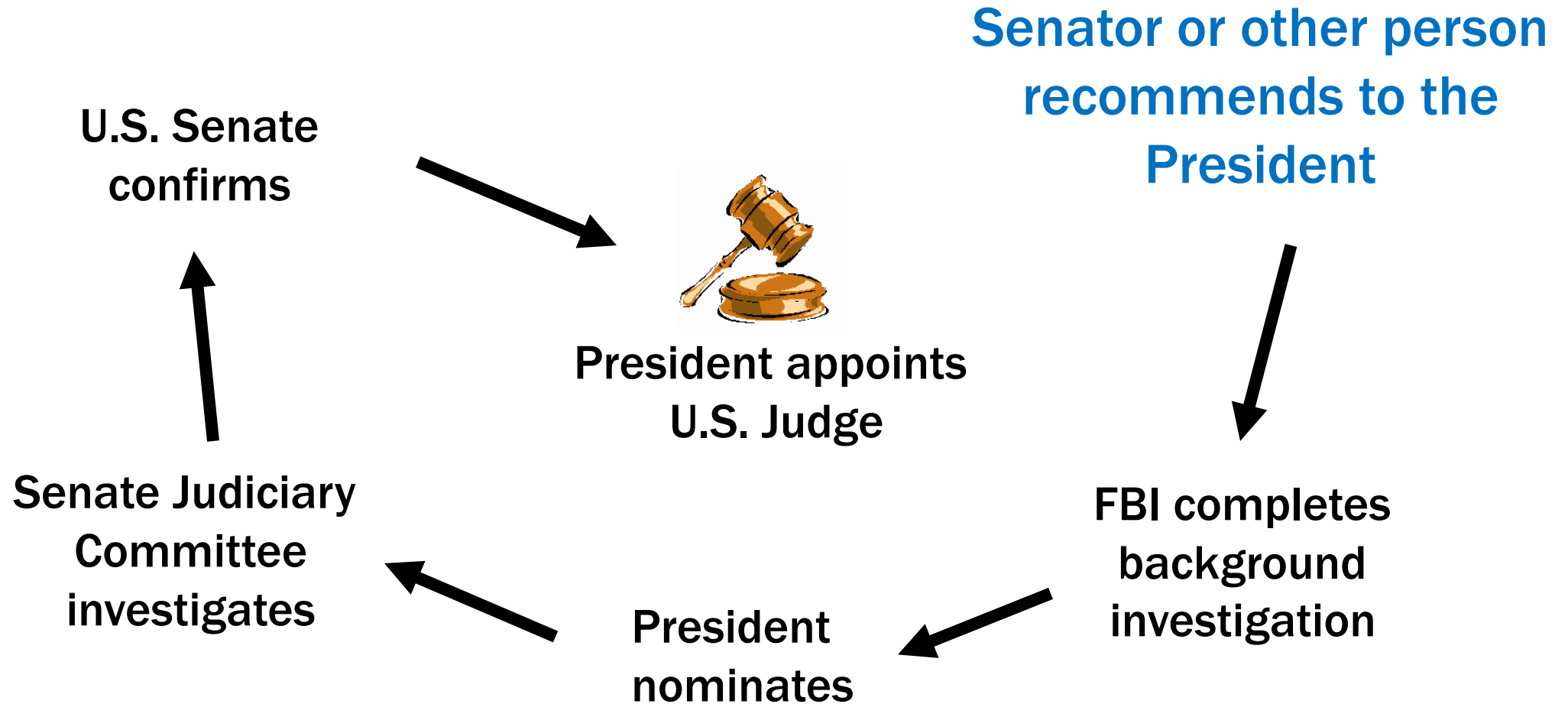


Missouri 11th
Judicial Circuit,
St. Charles
County

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri



Selecting Federal Judges . . .



Term: Good Behavior

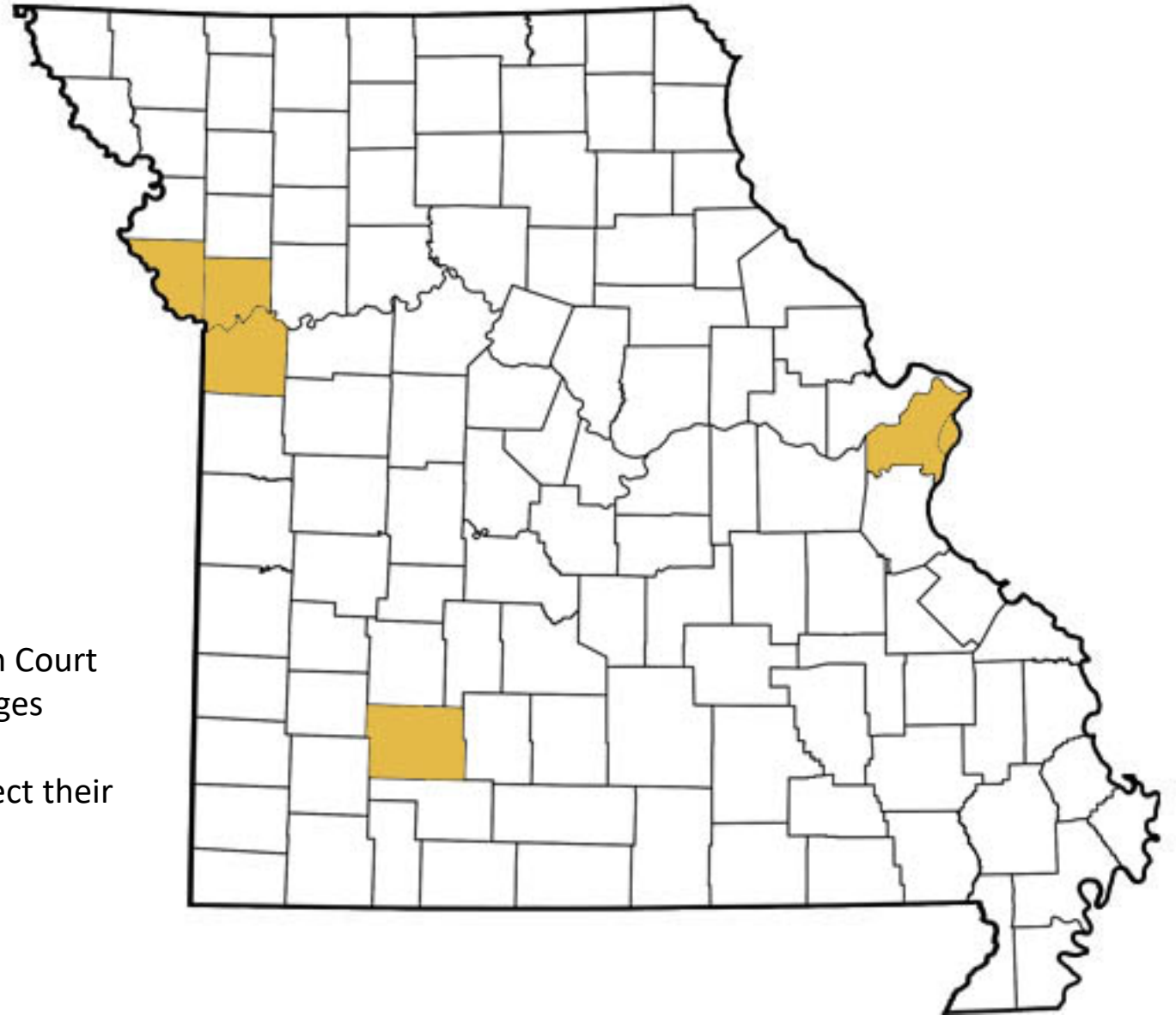
The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan



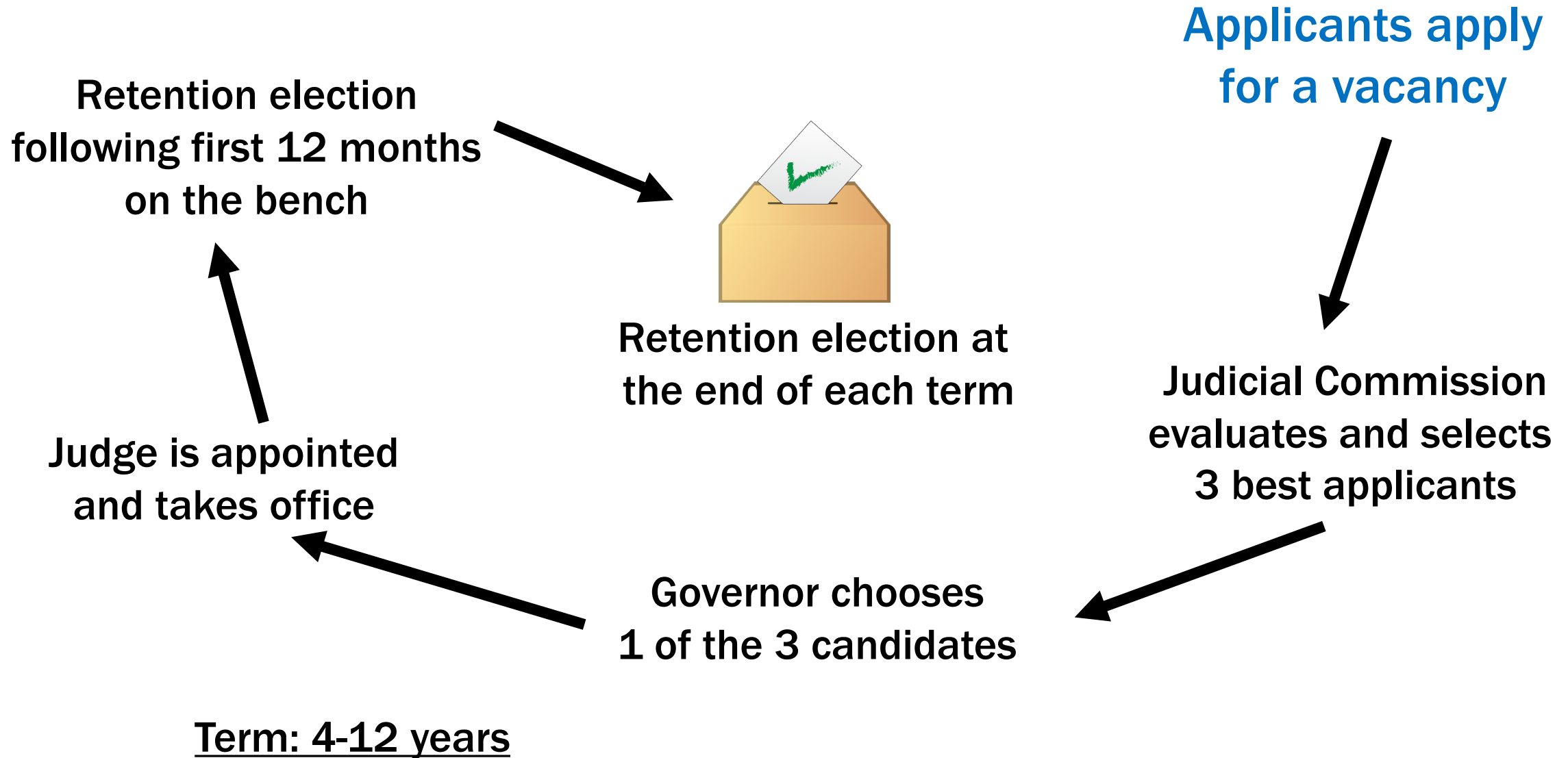
Counties currently using the Nonpartisan Court Plan to select their Circuit Court trial judges



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

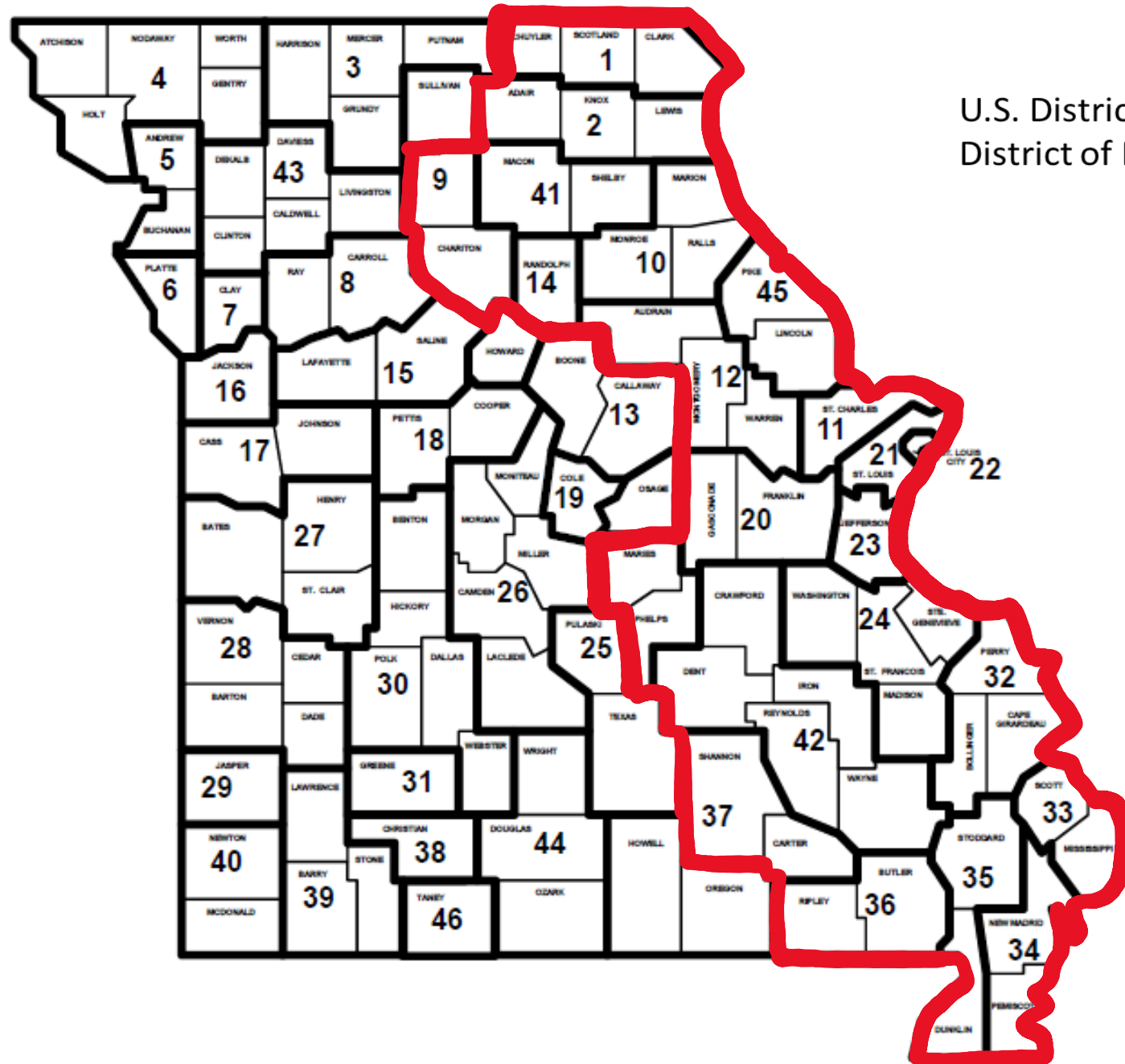
US Constitution

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.

Joseph L. Goff, Jr. joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis as a partner in September 2021 after serving six years as an associate circuit judge in St. Francois County (in Missouri's 24th Judicial Circuit). During his time as a judge, he was active in both civil and criminal matters; was involved heavily in drafting orders related to COVID-19 protocols to apply throughout the four-county circuit; and had supervisory authority – including hiring, firing and discipline – over the more than 50 employees of the circuit's juvenile office. He previously was an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Francois County, an assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri and a trial attorney in private practice.

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