

Judge Retention Votes in Nov 2022 Election

Our representative government provides us the right to vote for individuals as office holders in each of the three branches of government – the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. However, we may get lost in the flurry of campaign ads for executive and legislative offices but overlook our responsibility to be well-informed voters regarding judges at the Kansas Supreme Court, Kansas Court of Appeals, and Kansas District Court levels. These votes are referred to as retention votes – our votes determine whether or not a judge is retained in their position.

Kansas Supreme Court justices face a retention vote at the next general election after completing a full year in the position. Should the justice receive a majority of votes to be retained, they serve a term of six years. Thereafter, the judge faces a retention vote every six years. The following Kansas Supreme Court justices will be on this November ballot.

Kansas Supreme Court Justices

- Melissa Taylor Standridge
- Dan Biles
- K. J. Wall, Jr.
- Marla Luckert
- Evelyn Z. Wilson
- Caleb Stegall

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There are 14 Kansas Court of Appeals judges of whom seven will be listed on the 2022 general election ballot. As for Supreme Court justices, newly appointed judges on the Court of Appeals must serve one year before facing retention vote in the next even-year general election. Should the judge receive the majority vote in favor of retention, they serve a four-year term (unlike Supreme Court justices who serve six-year terms). Thereafter, they face retention vote every four years.

Kansas Court of Appeals Judges

- Stephen D. Hill
- Lesley Ann Isherwood
- Amy Fellows Cline
- Kim R. Schroeder
- Henry W. Green, Jr.
- Tom Malone
- Jacy J. Hurst

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Third Judicial District Judges – Shawnee County

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- Lori D. Dougherty-Bichsel
- Penny R. Moylan
- Carl William Ossmann
- Mary Mattivi
- Cheryl Rios

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