

Tennessee Plan Timeline

1974 Tennessee Plan ratified at state constitutional convention. Includes gubernatorial appointments of Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals judges.

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

1973 In *State ex. rel. Higgins v. Dunn*, the state Supreme Court ruled that retention elections are elections under the state and federal constitutions and do not violate any rights.

1994 Plan amended by General Assembly to include gubernatorial appointments of state Supreme Court justices.

2009 General Assembly modifies the makeup of the commission to require 10 to 14 attorneys and up to seven citizen members. Renames the Judicial Selection Commission.

2009 District court dismisses *Johnson v. Bredesen*, which challenges constitutionality of Tennessee Plan, upheld by Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.