

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, 22 NYCRR § 150.3, and Appendix A, Section 3 of Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge, relating to independent judicial election qualification commissions, to read as follows (new material underlined):

§ 150.3 Terms of Office

(a) Except as set forth below, each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority for a term of three years, and shall be eligible to serve for one additional three-year term. Following completion of two terms, a member may be newly appointed by a separate appointing authority.

(b) Initial terms of commissioners shall be staggered so that five commissioners will serve for an initial term of one year, five for an initial term of two years, and five for an initial term of three years.

(c) If a commissioner does not complete the appointed term, the appointing authority shall appoint someone to serve on an interim basis for the remainder of the term.

(d) If a vacancy is not filled by an appointing authority within 30 days after written notification to the appointing authority of its creation, the Chief Judge may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(e) No term of office shall extend beyond December 31, 2018.

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Appendix A

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Section 3. Scope of the Commissions' Determinations

A. The commissions shall determine whether a candidate is highly qualified, qualified, or not qualified for election to the judicial office (e.g., Supreme Court) in which a vacancy exists.

B. Any candidate found highly qualified or qualified for election to a judicial office shall be deemed so qualified for that judicial office for three years in the absence of any new information that may have a negative effect on his or

her qualifications and background.

C. Any candidate not found qualified or highly qualified for election to judicial office shall be deemed not to be qualified for that judicial office for one year from the date of submission of the candidate's application to the commission.

D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no determination of a candidate's qualifications shall have force or effect after December 31, 2018.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: April 5, 2017

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