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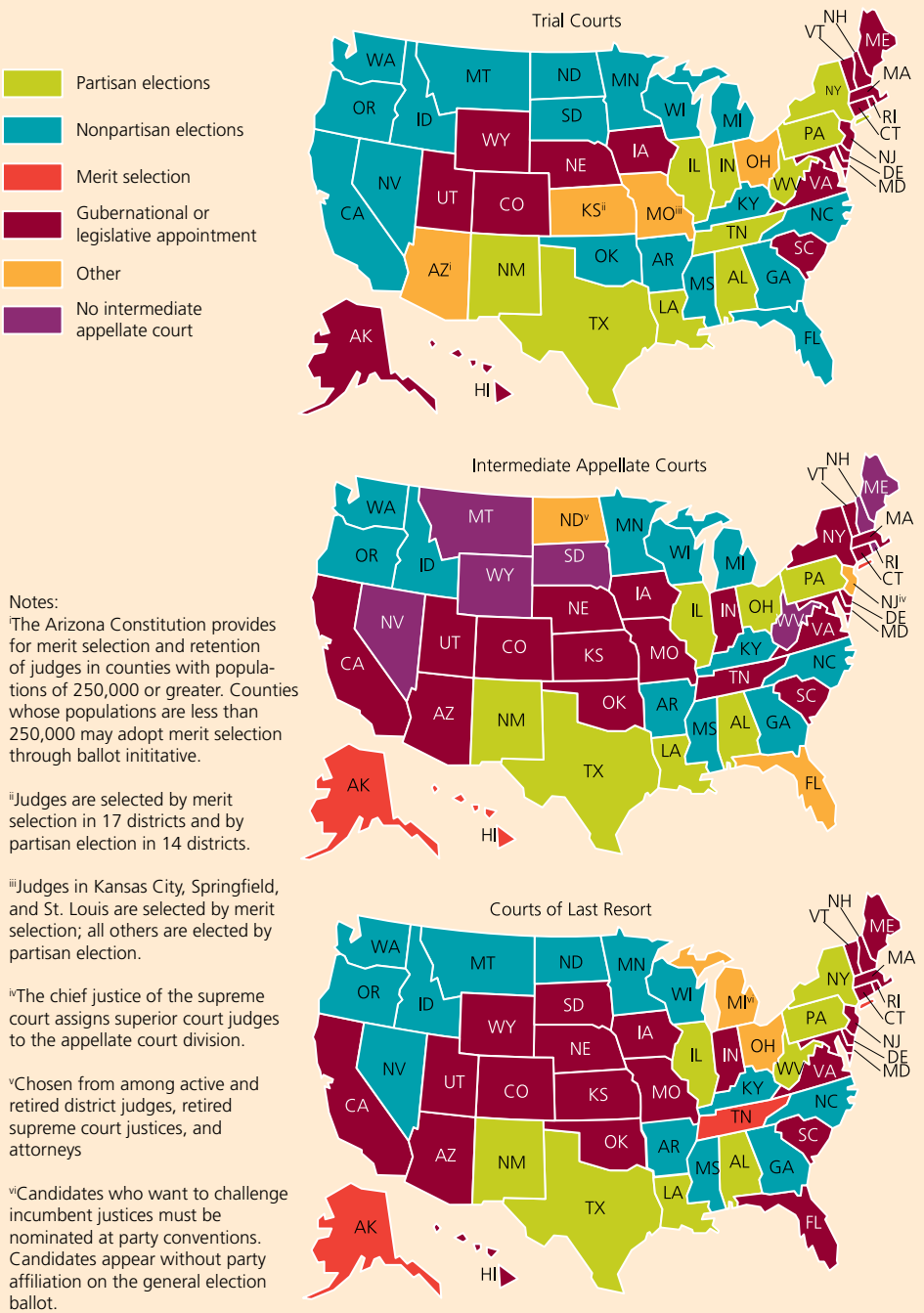
Initial Judicial Selection, by Type of Court



Notes:

[i]The Arizona Constitution provides for merit selection and retention of judges in counties with populations of 250,000 or greater. Counties whose populations are less than 250,000 may adopt merit selection through ballot inititative.

[ii]Judges are selected by merit selection in 17 districts and by partisan election in 14 districts.

[iii]Judges in Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis are selected by merit selection; all others are elected by partisan election.

[iv]The chief justice of the supreme court assigns superior court judges to the appellate court division.

[v]Chosen from among active and retired district judges, retired supreme court justices, and attorneys

[vi]Candidates who want to challenge incumbent justices must be nominated at party conventions. Candidates appear without party affiliation on the general election ballot.

Source: American Judicature Society, "Methods of Judicial Selection: Selection of Judges," 2014, http://www.judicialselection.us/judicial_selection/methods/selection_of_judges.cfm?state=.