

you support legislation that provides for public financing of judicial campaigns?

YES NO

Comments

5. *The Feerick Commission recommended a series of reforms to the current elective system that might address the constitutional issues found by the Appeals Court in Lopez Torres (see cover letter). Included in the Feerick Commission recommendations, are reforms of the judicial nominating conventions. The reforms are designed to increase the participation and knowledge of delegates to the convention. They include:*

- *providing for the election of judicial delegates long before the conventions,*
- *decreasing the number of delegates,*
- *extending the term a delegate maintains his/her position,*
- *decreasing the petition signatures required for a delegate, and*
- *allowing judicial candidates to address the delegates at the convention.*

Would you support legislation that would include some or all of these recommendations?

YES NO

Comments

Kenneth P. Harper, "As the Putnam County Democratic Chair I have extensive knowledge and experience with regards to the convention process. It has been my experience that most—if not all—of the above recommendations make for a better slate of qualified candidates."

6. *Would you support another recommendation of the Feerick Commission: legislation establishing independent judicial qualifying commissions composed of appointees of local bar/civic, not for profit organizations, and law schools or local colleges or universities that would review judicial candidates and report its findings of "most qualified" directly to the delegates and the voters?*

YES NO

Comments

7. ***Other elected judges in New York State include County Court, Surrogate Court, Family Court (outside of New York City), New York City Civil Court, District Court and City Court judges. Would you support the creation of independent judicial qualification commissions to review the qualifications of those judicial candidates?***

YES NO

Comments

8. ***Please circle and comment on which of the following components of our court system are important to the members of your community.***

Jury Duty Kenneth P. Harper “reform needed with regards to disqualification process”

Court Facilities Kenneth P. Harper “20 years waiting for new Putnam facilities”

Judges Kenneth P. Harper “Varying levels of oversight + training * see NY Times series”

City Court

Family Court “80% or so of the caseload-problems regarding battered/abuse women regarding shared custody”

Supreme Court

Village or Town Courts Kenneth P. Harper “Improvements necessary regarding qualifications and oversight.”