

Nev. Supreme Court justices running unopposed

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Two Supreme Court justices will show up on election ballots across Nevada this fall.

Justices Mark Gibbons and Mary “Kris” Pickering are running unopposed and are virtually guaranteed of winning another six-year term. (Gibbons and Pickering declined to be interviewed for this story.)

Here’s what you should know about these elected positions.

When lawyers appeal rulings from county District Courts, the cases go to the Supreme Court, the state’s highest judiciary.

A panel of seven Supreme Court justices hears a wide range of cases, from death-penalty appeals to driver’s license revocations. Justices serve six-year terms that are stacked to avoid rapid turnover on the bench.

In some states, justices are appointed. But Nevadans want the right to choose. In 2010, voters turned down a ballot measure that would have moved the state to a hybrid appointment-election system.

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