

602.2301 Judicial officer appointment — delay.

1. Notwithstanding [section 46.12](#), the chief justice may order the state commissioner of elections to delay, for budgetary reasons, the sending of a notification to the proper judicial nominating commission that a vacancy in the supreme court, court of appeals, or district court has occurred or will occur.

2. Notwithstanding [sections 602.6304](#), [602.7103B](#), and [633.20B](#), the chief justice may order any county magistrate appointing commission to delay, for budgetary reasons, publicizing the notice of a vacancy for a district associate judgeship, associate juvenile judgeship, or associate probate judgeship.

3. Notwithstanding [section 602.6403](#), [subsection 3](#), if a magistrate position is vacant due to a death, resignation, retirement, an increase in the number of positions authorized, or to the removal of a magistrate, the chief justice may order any county magistrate appointing commission to delay, for budgetary reasons, the appointment of a magistrate to serve the remainder of an unexpired term.

4. Any delay authorized by the chief justice pursuant to [this section](#) shall not exceed one year in duration, and not more than eight delays authorized by the chief justice shall be in effect at any one time.

[2011 Acts, ch 78, §2](#)

For provisions authorizing policies and procedures that may be contrary to the requirements of this section in order to efficiently and effectively administer justice throughout the state for each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, see [2017 Acts, ch 166, §14](#)