

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.811 Election of probate judges; filing nominating petitions and incumbency affidavits of candidacy; term.**

Sec. 811. (1) Judges of probate shall be elected in the manner provided in Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended. For the office of judge of probate in a probate court district created pursuant to law, nominating petitions and incumbency affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the secretary of state.

(2) An elected judge of probate shall have a term of office of 6 years except as otherwise provided by section 803 or when a vacancy is being filled for the balance of an unexpired term.

(3) The term of a judge of probate shall commence on January 1 following the date of election. If a vacancy is filled by appointment, the term shall commence in accordance with the order of appointment.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 543, Eff. July 1, 1979.