



Veto threat may force more open judicial selection process

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Gov. Phil Bredesen is arguing the need for changes in the judicial selection process.

The governor has threatened to veto proposals to change the judicial selection process if lawmakers don't find a way to resurrect his proposal to require the panel hold all their deliberations in public.

Bredesen said in an interview with The Associated Press they are choosing some of the most powerful and least accountable pieces of state government and it needs to be public.

Bredesen said he doesn't have any intention of junking the Tennessee Plan for judicial selection.

Democratic House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh said he can live with requiring the commission to hold open meetings but wants more limited changes than those proposed by Republican Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey.