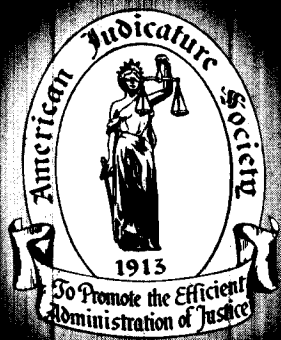


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## 1959--A Banner Year for Judicial Reform

IT is very possible that 1959 may take its place in history along with certain other years in American history as marking a milestone in the history of judicial reform.

Articles in other pages of this Journal describe major, full scale state-wide judicial reorganization programs ready for definite affirmative action and with excellent prospects of getting it this year. In Connecticut and New York the new political climate gives greater promise of success than in past years. North Carolina's and Iowa's well-planned reform programs, some four or five years in the making, are going to their respective legislatures with impressive professional, political and public support, and very much the same may be said for Oregon and California. Illinois is not yet ready to be counted out, and Wisconsin and West Virginia will have major court reorganization projects ready for legislative action this year.

Less comprehensive, but of major importance are reorganization plans for a part of the judicial system in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and other states, all looking toward legislative action this year.

In the single field of judicial selection, it is not impossible that the American Judicature Society's plan, now in use in whole or in part in five states, may see that number doubled as Vermont, Iowa, Oregon, Nebraska and Rhode Island press for action this year on their versions of it.