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## Albany: Chief Judge Confirmed

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The State Senate yesterday approved Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye's nomination to continue as the state's top judge. Judge Kaye can serve until the end of 2008, the year in which she turns 70, the mandatory retirement age. Several Republican senators voiced opposition to the nomination yesterday, but she was confirmed overwhelmingly in a voice vote. Judge Kaye was nominated as chief judge of the Court of Appeals by Gov. Mario M. Cuomo in 1993. She was the first woman to serve on the court — selected by Mr. Cuomo in 1983 — the first female chief judge, and is now the longest-serving chief judge in state history.

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