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SENATE BILL 16-153

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING NOMINEES FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill encourages judicial district nominating commissions to give preference to attorneys who reside in the county in which the vacancy occurs.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-6-206 as
2 follows:

3 **13-6-206. Vacancies.** (1) If the office of a county judge, except
4 in the city and county of Denver, becomes vacant because of death,
5 resignation, failure to be retained in office pursuant to section 25 of
6 article VI of the state constitution, or other cause, the governor, as
7 provided in section 20 of article VI of the state constitution, shall appoint
8 an individual possessing the qualifications specified in section 13-6-203.

9 (2) IF THE OFFICE OF A COUNTY JUDGE BECOMES VACANT, THE
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING
11 COMMISSION IN CERTIFYING THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES TO THE
12 GOVERNOR TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO PERSONS WHO:

13 (a) RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS;

14 AND

15 (b) HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.