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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### 101 **CONCERNING NOMINEES FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGES.**

### **Bill Summary**

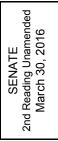
(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.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

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:







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

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

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(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.

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