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HOUSE BILL 2082

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By Representative Appelwick.

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1            AN ACT Relating to district courts; and amending RCW 3.34.060 and  
2    3.34.100.

3    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.34.060 and 1989 c 227 s 4 are each amended to read  
5    as follows:

6            To be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for and to serve  
7    as a district court judge, a person must:

8            (1) Be a registered voter of the district court district and  
9    electoral district, if any; and

10           (2) Be either:

11           (a) A lawyer admitted to practice law in the state of Washington;  
12    or

13           (b) A person who has been elected and has served as a justice of  
14    the peace, district judge, municipal judge, or police judge in  
15    Washington; or

1 (c) In those districts having a population of less than (~~ten~~)  
2 five thousand persons, a person who has taken and passed the qualifying  
3 examination for the office of district judge as shall be provided by  
4 rule of the supreme court.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.34.100 and 1984 c 258 s 16 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 If a district judge dies, resigns, is convicted of a felony, ceases  
8 to reside in the district, fails to serve for any reason except  
9 temporary disability, or if his or her term of office is terminated in  
10 any other manner, the office shall be deemed vacant. The county  
11 legislative authority shall fill all vacancies by appointment and the  
12 judge thus appointed shall hold office until the next general election  
13 and until a successor is elected and qualified. District judges shall  
14 be granted (~~sick~~) leave from their positions due to illness or injury  
15 in the same manner as sick leave is provided to other county employees.