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- 1 AN ACT Relating to district court judges pro tempore; and amending
- 2 RCW 3.34.060.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.34.060 and 1991 c 361 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- To be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for and to serve 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
- 16 (c) In those districts having a population of less than five
- 17 thousand persons, a person who has taken and passed the qualifying
- 18 examination for the office of district judge as shall be provided by
- 19 rule of the supreme court.

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If a district does not have any persons who meet the qualifications under subsection (2) (a) or (b) of this section and who are available to serve as judges pro tempore, the presiding judge of the district may designate a person or persons who meet the qualifications of subsection (2)(c) of this section to serve as a judge pro tempore for a period not to exceed one year.

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