

HOUSE BILL NO. 485

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING A NOMINATING PROCESS IN WHICH A NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP APPOINTS THE CITIZEN AND NONATTORNEY MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-1-1101, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-1-1101, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-1-1101. Creation and composition of commission. There is created a judicial standards commission consisting of five members as follows:

(1) two district court judges from different judicial districts, elected by the district judges under an elective procedure initiated by and conducted by the supreme court, and their election must be certified by the chief justice of the supreme court, which for the purpose of this part is considered as an appointment;

(2) one attorney who has practiced law in this state for at least 10 years, appointed by the supreme court;

(3) two citizens who are not attorneys or judges of any court, active or retired, ~~appointed by the governor~~ agreed to and appointed by a nomination committee composed of the speaker of the house, the majority leader of the house, and the president of the senate."

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