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LEGISLATIVE BILL 339

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judges; to amend section 24-803, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to
- 3 judicial nominating commissions; to eliminate obsolete provisions;
- 4 and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 24-803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 24-803 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, as
4 the term of a member of a judicial nominating commission initially
5 appointed or selected expires, the term of office of each successor
6 member shall be for a period of four years. The Governor shall appoint
7 all successor members of each nominating commission who are judges of the
8 Supreme Court and citizen members or alternate citizen members. The
9 Governor shall appoint two alternate citizen members, not of the same
10 political party, to each nominating commission. The term of office of an
11 alternate citizen member of a commission shall be for a period of four
12 years except that the initial appointments shall terminate on December
13 31, 1999. The lawyers residing in the judicial district or area of the
14 state served by a judicial nominating commission shall select all
15 successor and alternate lawyer members of such commission in the manner
16 prescribed in section 24-806. The term of office of an alternate lawyer
17 member of a commission shall be for a period of four years. No member of
18 any nominating commission, including the Supreme Court member of any such
19 commission, shall serve more than a total of eight consecutive years as a
20 member of the commission, and if such member has served for more than six
21 years as a member of the commission, he or she shall not be eligible for
22 reelection or reappointment. Alternate lawyer and citizen members shall
23 be selected to fill vacancies in their order of election or appointment.

24 (2) For purposes of this section and Article V, section 21, of the
25 Constitution of Nebraska, a member of a judicial nominating commission
26 shall be deemed to have served on such commission if he or she was a
27 member of the commission at the time of the publication of the notice
28 required by subsection (1) of section 24-810.

29 (3) ~~Members On and after January 1, 1997, members~~ of the judicial
30 nominating commissions for the office of judge of the district court
31 shall also serve as members of the judicial nominating commissions for

1 the office of judge of the county court for counties located within the
2 district court judicial districts served, except that members of the
3 judicial nominating commissions for district judge and county judge in
4 districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 shall be appointed or selected separately to
5 serve on such commissions.

6 Sec. 2. Original section 24-803, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, is repealed.