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AN ACT relating to judiciary; requiring a candidate for judicial office who is not the incumbent to complete and file a questionnaire containing certain information relating to his or her qualifications for office; authorizing a candidate for judicial office who is the incumbent to complete and file such a questionnaire; requiring the filing officer to post such a questionnaire on the internet website of the filing officer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law sets forth certain qualifications for a person seeking to be a candidate for the office of justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, judge of a district court, justice of the peace or municipal judge. (NRS 2.020, 2A.020, 3.060, 4.010, 5.020) With certain exceptions, existing law further requires certain persons, including candidates for these judicial offices, to file a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay a filing fee before his or her name may be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary election. (NRS 293.177) This bill requires a person seeking to be a candidate for judicial office who is not the incumbent to complete and file with his or her declaration of candidacy a questionnaire that is prescribed by the Nevada Supreme Court which includes, without limitation, information on: (1) the education of the candidate; and (2) the qualifications possessed by the candidate which are relevant to the judicial office for which he or she is filing a declaration of candidacy. This bill also authorizes a candidate for judicial office who is the incumbent to complete and file such a questionnaire. This bill further requires the filing officer, upon receipt of such a questionnaire, to publish the questionnaire on the Internet website of the filing officer.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A candidate for judicial office who is not the incumbent shall complete and file with the filing officer, along with the declaration of candidacy for that office, a questionnaire prescribed by the Nevada Supreme Court. The questionnaire must include, without limitation, information on:*

*(a) The education of the candidate; and*

*(b) The qualifications possessed by the candidate which are relevant to the judicial office for which he or she is filing.*



*2. A candidate for judicial office who is the incumbent may complete and file with the filing officer the questionnaire described in subsection 1 within the time period prescribed by NRS 293.177 for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy.*

*3. Upon receipt of the questionnaire completed and filed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the filing officer shall post the questionnaire on the Internet website of the filing officer.*

**Sec. 3.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A candidate for the office of municipal judge who is not the incumbent shall complete and file with the city clerk, along with the declaration of candidacy for that office, a questionnaire prescribed by the Nevada Supreme Court. The questionnaire must include, without limitation, information on:*

*(a) The education of the candidate; and*

*(b) The qualifications possessed by the candidate which are relevant to the office of municipal judge.*

*2. A candidate for the office of municipal judge who is the incumbent may complete and file with the city clerk the questionnaire described in subsection 1 within the time period prescribed by NRS 293C.175 for a candidate for the office of municipal judge to file a declaration of candidacy.*

*3. Upon receipt of the questionnaire completed and filed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the city clerk shall post the questionnaire on the Internet website of the city clerk.*

**Sec. 4.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

