

SENATE BILL NO. 418—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to candidates for judicial office. (BDR 24-803)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: No.

(CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 2, 3)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

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:**

1 Existing law sets forth certain qualifications for a person seeking to be a  
2 candidate for the office of justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, judge of the Court  
3 of Appeals, judge of a district court, justice of the peace or municipal judge. (NRS  
4 2.020, 2A.020, 3.060, 4.010, 5.020) With certain exceptions, existing law further  
5 requires certain persons, including candidates for these judicial offices, to file a  
6 declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay a filing fee  
7 before his or her name may be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary election.  
8 (NRS 293.177) This bill requires a person seeking to be a candidate for judicial  
9 office who is not the incumbent to complete and file with his or her declaration of  
10 candidacy a questionnaire that is prescribed by the Nevada Supreme Court which  
11 includes, without limitation, information on: (1) the education of the candidate; and  
12 (2) the qualifications possessed by the candidate which are relevant to the judicial  
13 office for which he or she is filing a declaration of candidacy. This bill also  
14 authorizes a candidate for judicial office who is the incumbent to complete and file  
15 such a questionnaire. This bill further requires the filing officer, upon receipt of



16 such a questionnaire, to publish the questionnaire on the Internet website of the  
17 filing officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12     2. *A candidate for judicial office who is the incumbent may*  
13 *complete and file with the filing officer the questionnaire*  
14 *described in subsection 1 within the time period prescribed by NRS*  
15 *293.177 for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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