

Retirement means new judge for LV/AT counties

(KAIR)--Another district judge vacancy needs to be filled in the local area.

That follows the selection of two new 1st Judicial District Judges in October due to a retirement in the district, which oversees Atchison and Leavenworth Counties.

According to a release from the Kansas Courts, the latest vacancy will be created with the January 1 retirement of Judge David King.

To fill the opening, the 1st Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet, through telephone conference, Friday afternoon, to set the schedule for filling the vacancy.

To be considered for district judge, a nominee must be at least 30 years old; a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and engaged in the practice of law for at least five years, whether as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school; and a resident of the judicial district at the time of taking office and while holding office.

The nominating commission selects three to five people whose names are submitted to the governor to fill the position according to statutory qualification and residency requirements.

The governor has 60 days after receiving the names to decide whom to appoint.

After serving one year in office, a new judge must stand for a retention vote in the next general election to remain in the position. If retained, the incumbent will serve a four-year term.

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