

Notice of Pending Special Election in District 3A For District Judicial Nominating Commissioner

Due to the appointment of District Judicial Nominating Commissioner Shawna Ditsworth as a District Associate Judge, her position on the District Judicial Nominating Commission in District 3A is now vacant. This is to notify the public that a special election will be held from December 14, 2021 until and including January 4, 2022 to elect a woman to fill this vacancy and serve the remainder of the term for this position. The term for this position expires January 31, 2024.

Individuals who wish to serve on a District Judicial Nominating Commission are not required to be attorneys but must meet certain legal requirements. In addition, pursuant to Iowa Code § 46.4, the person elected to fill this vacancy shall be a woman. Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the election ballot must file their completed nominating petition with State Court Administration no later than Friday, December 10, 2021. The nominating petition must be signed by at least ten eligible electors of their judicial district. Click [here](#) if you wish to obtain a nominating petition; then follow the instructions included with the petition regarding how to complete the petition and submit it.

The state court administrator will conduct this election, and eligible attorneys shall have the ability to vote. See Iowa Code Chapter 46 for specific information about voting eligibility.

Voting by eligible attorneys will begin December 14, 2021.

The election winner shall be notified, and the election results shall be reported to the governor and the general assembly and published on the judicial branch website.

The above is a summary of the nomination and selection process. If you wish to learn more, or if you are interested in becoming a member of a District Judicial Nominating Commission, you should carefully read Article V, sections 15 and 16 of the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code Chapter 46 so you fully understand all the details of the nomination and selection process, and the requirements for running for, or voting for, the position of commissioner. You may also find additional information on the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commissions website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/>.

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