

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To repeal sections one thousand eighty-seven-b (1087-b), one thousand eighty-seven-b-one (1087-b-1), one thousand eighty-seven-b-two (1087-b-2), one thousand eighty-seven-b-three (1087-b-3), one thousand eighty-seven-b-four (1087-b-4), one thousand eighty-seven-b-five (1087-b-5), supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to the nomination and election of judges of the supreme, district, and superior courts.

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. That the law as it appears in sections
2 one thousand eighty-seven-b (1087-b), one thousand eighty-seven
3 b-one (1087-b-1), one thousand eighty-seven-b-two (1087-b-2),
4 one thousand eighty-seven-b-three (1087-b-3), one thousand
5 eighty-seven-b-four (1087-b-4), and one thousand eighty-seven
6 b-five (1087-b-5), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same
7 is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof.

1 Sec. 2. The state conventions of each political
2 party held in accordance with the provisions of section ten
3 hundred eighty seven-a-twenty-seven (1087-a-27) supplement to
4 the code 1913, shall nominate candidates for office of judge of
5 the supreme court, and they shall be elected at the general
6 election in November, in the same manner as the governor of the
7 state is elected.

1 Sec. 3. In each judicial district there shall be
2 a district central committee composed of one member from each

3 county of such district, provided, however, that in districts
4 composed wholly of one county there shall be three members of
5 such committee, and in districts composed of two counties there
6 shall be two members of such committee from the county having
7 the larger population. Such committeemen shall be elected by
8 the county convention in each county held in accordance with the
9 provisions of section ten hundred eighty-seven-a-twenty-five
10 (1087-a-25) supplement to the code 1913. Until such conven-
11 tions are held, the chairman of the county central committee
12 of each political party shall act as committeeman from his
13 county for such judicial district, and in counties having more
14 than one such committeeman such additional committeemen shall
15 be elected by the county central committee in said county.
16 Vacancies in any such district committee shall be filled by the
17 county central committee of the county where such vacancy occurs.
18 In each judicial district in which a judge, or judges, of the
19 district court therein is to be elected, a judicial convention
20 shall be held by each political party participating in the
21 primary election of that year. Not less than ten days nor more
22 than forty days before the day fixed for holding the county con-
23 vention, a call for such judicial convention to be held shall be
24 issued by the party central committee for such district, and pub-
25 lished in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each
26 county in the district which shall state, among other things,
27 the number of delegates each county in the district shall be en-
28 titled to, and the time and place of holding the convention. Such

29 call shall be filed with the county auditor in each county in
30 the district not less than five days before the date of hold-
31 ing the county convention as now fixed by law, and the county
32 auditor shall attach a copy thereof to the certified list of
33 delegates required to be delivered by him to the chairman of the
34 county central committee of the respective political parties.
35 Each county convention held in such judicial district shall se-
36 lect such a number of delegates to the judicial convention as is
37 specified in the call for such judicial convention. Such dis-
38 trict convention shall not be held earlier than the first Thurs-
39 day, nor later than the fifth Thursday following the date of hold-
40 ing the county convention. The convention may nominate as many
41 candidates for the office of judge of the district court in said
42 district as there are judges in said district to be elected at
43 the general election to be held in the year in which such con-
44 vention is held. The organization and the procedure in such
45 judicial district convention shall be the same as in the state
46 convention. Such convention may transact such other business
47 as may properly be brought before it. Judges of the district
48 court shall be elected at the general election in the same manner
49 as state senators are elected.

1 Sec. 4. All nominations for the office of supreme
2 and district judge shall be certified to the secretary of state,
3 as near as may be, in the same manner that nominations for other
4 state offices are now certified under existing law. The names
5 of candidates for the office of supreme and district judge

6 nominated and certified to the secretary of state, as provided in
7 this act, shall be certified by the secretary of state to the
8 officer having charge of the printing of the ballots, and the
9 names of such candidates shall be printed on the ballot under
10 the proper party designation in the same manner as required by
11 law for the printing of the names of candidates for state and
12 district officers therein.

1 Sec. 5. In any city in which a superior court has
2 been or may hereafter be established, the judge of said court
3 shall be nominated and elected in the same manner now provided
4 by law for the nomination and election of other elective officers
5 in such city.

1 Sec. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be
2 construed so as to prohibit the nominations of candidates for
3 the office of supreme, district or superior judge, by petition
4 as provided by section one thousand one hundred (1100) of the
5 code, and amendments thereto, but no person so nominated shall
6 be permitted to use the name of any political party authorized
7 or entitled under this act to nominate candidates for such
8 office.

1 Sec. 7. All of the laws relating to the certifi-
2 cates of nomination, filing the same, certifying nominations to
3 the officers having charge of the printing of the ballots,
4 printing of the names of candidates on the official ballot, the
5 method of withdrawal, filling vacancies, conducting general
6 elections, of canvassing the ballot, of announcing the result,

7 of recounting the ballot, of publishing notice of nomination and
8 election, contesting the election, and the penalty for illegal
9 voting, misconduct of the election officials, and the making of
10 the sworn return, shall, so far as applicable, be the same for
11 the election of supreme, district, and superior judges as is now
12 provided by the general election laws of Iowa for the election of
13 state, district and city officers.

