

# Comment Report

SF 2014

A bill for an act relating to the membership of the district judicial nominating commissions.(See SF 2132.)

Subcommittee Members: Garrett-CH, Boulton, Schultz

Date: 01/24/2022

Time: 03:00 PM

Location: Room G17

**Name:** Barbara Royal

**Comment:** I write in opposition to Senate File 2014. This is an attempt to give control of these nominating commissions to a single partisan politician. Iowa has a strong history of nonpartisan courts that has served us well for 60 years. There is no good reason to change this now! I strongly urge you to vote NO on this bill!

**Name:** J Richard Fikuart

**Comment:** I'm opposed to elected officials tampering with our fair and unbeholened court system.Politics should have no place in the administration of justice in Iowa.

**Name:** Bruce Wilson

**Comment:** "If it ain't broke, don't 'fix' it." This system isn't "broke" so kill this bill.

**Name:** Josephine Oâ€™Donnell

**Comment:** I am extremely opposed to this bill. Iowans deserve better than injecting politics into our judicial selection process.

**Name:** Gayle Strickler

**Comment:** The judicial selection we have works well. I see no reason to make any changes. The less there is political involvement in the process, the better we are served. Please oppose this bill.

**Name:** Luanna Raushenberger

**Comment:** We deserve a fair and impartial process for our judicial selections. No party should have an advantage in this process. This should be an apolitical process. Please vote no on this bill.

**Name:** Roger White

**Comment:** I object to the proposal to amend the judicial selection process for district courts. The current process has been nonpolitical and nonpartisan for decades and has produced some of the fairest and most just district court judges in the nation. This proposal will unwisely insert partisan politics into the nonpartisan selection process and that is never a good idea. Partisan politics is already overly present both in the legislative and executive branches and should not be inserted more than it already is in the judicial branch. Justice and fairness are not political endeavors. Partisan politics is raw power beholden to money and special interests and justice and fairness cannot tolerate such influences. Please reject the proposal.Roger White, Citizen

**Name:** Jane Robinette

**Comment:** We should not make judicial nominee selection more partisan by weighting the votes in favor of the governor's appointees. The existing selection process at the district court level is better and preserves the public's confidence in the nonpartisan process. Vote no on SF 2014.

