

602.6404 Qualifications.

1. A magistrate shall be a resident of the county of appointment during the magistrate's term of office. A magistrate shall serve within the judicial district in which appointed, as directed by the chief judge, provided that the chief judge may assign a magistrate to hold court outside of the county of the magistrate's residence for the orderly administration of justice. A magistrate is subject to reassignment under section 602.6108.

2. A person is not qualified for appointment as a magistrate unless the person files a certified application form, to be provided by the supreme court, with the chairperson of the county magistrate appointing commission. A person is not qualified for appointment as a magistrate if at the time of appointment the person has reached age seventy-two.

3. A person is not required to be admitted to the practice of law in this state as a condition of being appointed to the office of magistrate, but the magistrate appointing commission shall first consider applicants who are admitted to practice law in this state when selecting persons for the office of magistrate.

83 Acts, ch 186, § 7404, 10201; 87 Acts, ch 115, §76; 89 Acts, ch 114, §5; 89 Acts, ch 212, §5; 96 Acts, ch 1153, § 6