

**46.12 Notification of vacancy and resignation.**

When a vacancy occurs or will occur within one hundred twenty days in the supreme court, the court of appeals, or district court, the state commissioner of elections shall forthwith so notify the chairperson of the proper judicial nominating commission. The chairperson shall call a meeting of the commission within ten days after such notice; if the chairperson fails to do so, the chief justice shall call such meeting.

When a judge of the supreme court, court of appeals, or district court resigns, the judge shall submit a copy of the resignation to the state commissioner of elections at the time the judge submits the resignation to the governor; and when a judge of the supreme court, court of appeals, or district court dies, the clerk of district court of the county of the judge's residence shall in writing forthwith notify the state commissioner of elections of such fact.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §46.12]

89 Acts, ch 18, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 151, §1, 64

[SP] Option to delay for up to 180 days, for budgetary reasons, sending notification of vacancy in the supreme court, court of appeals, or district court to the proper judicial nominating commission for the period beginning March 16, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010; 2009 Acts, ch 170, §54, 55; 2009 Acts, ch 179, §172, 173