

House File 601 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting a legislative study regarding the application,
2 nomination, and appointment of women as judges.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2228HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. WOMEN AS JUDGES STUDY. The legislative council
1 2 is requested to authorize a study for the 2007 legislative
1 3 interim regarding the application, nomination, and appointment
1 4 of women as judges. The study shall include but is not
1 5 limited to identification of the number of women applying and
1 6 being nominated for vacant judgeships, and the actual number
1 7 of women judges in the state by judicial office held. The
1 8 committee shall also identify and make recommendations
1 9 regarding changes, if any, to current law that would encourage
1 10 more women to apply for vacant judgeships. The study shall be
1 11 conducted by a study committee consisting of up to six members
1 12 of the general assembly, and one representative from each of
1 13 the following: the Iowa state bar association, the department
1 14 of justice, the judicial branch, and the Iowa judges
1 15 association. The committee shall file the committee's
1 16 findings and recommendations with the general assembly no
1 17 later than January 15, 2008.

1 18 EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill requests a legislative study regarding the
1 20 application, nomination, and appointment of women as judges.

1 21 The bill provides that the study shall include but is not
1 22 limited to identifying the number of women applying and being
1 23 nominated for vacant judgeships, and the actual number of
1 24 women judges in the state by judicial office held. The
1 25 committee is also required to identify and make
1 26 recommendations about changes, if any, to current law that
1 27 would encourage more women to apply for vacant judgeships.

1 28 The committee shall consist of six members of the general
1 29 assembly, and one representative from each of the following:
1 30 the Iowa state bar association, the department of justice, the
1 31 judicial branch, and the Iowa judges association.

1 32 The committee shall file the committee's findings and
1 33 recommendations with the general assembly no later than
1 34 January 15, 2008.

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