

**House File 190 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 58)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the appointment of a district associate  
2 judge.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.6305, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2011,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. A person does not qualify for appointment to the office  
4 of district associate judge unless the person is at the time of  
5 appointment a resident of the ~~county~~ judicial election district  
6 in which the vacancy exists, licensed to practice law in Iowa,  
7 and will be able, measured by the person's age at the time of  
8 appointment, to complete the initial term of office prior to  
9 reaching age seventy-two. An applicant for district associate  
10 judge shall file a certified application form, to be provided  
11 by the supreme court, with the chairperson of the county  
12 magistrate appointing commission.

13 3. A district associate judge must be a resident of ~~a county~~  
14 the judicial election district in which the office is held  
15 during the entire term of office. A district associate judge  
16 shall serve within the judicial district in which appointed,  
17 as directed by the chief judge, and is subject to reassignment  
18 under section 602.6108.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to the appointment of a district associate  
21 judge.

22 The amendments to Code section 602.6305 allow a district  
23 associate judge to reside in the judicial election district  
24 at the time of appointment and throughout the entire term of  
25 office. Currently, a district associate judge is required to  
26 reside in the county where the vacancy exists at the time of  
27 appointment and throughout the entire term of office.