

Board of Examiners for Court Shorthand Reporters

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Authorized by the 38th General Assembly and amended by the 65th General Assembly. The examiners are appointed by the governor with the approval of 2/3 of the members of the Senate. Under law, three of the members must be certified shorthand reporters and two members representing the general public. A certified member shall be actively engaged in the practice of certified shorthand reporting and shall have been so engaged for five years preceding the appointment, the last two of which shall have been in Iowa. The board conducts examinations of those seeking to become certified shorthand reporters.

Judicial Nominating Commissions

Under a constitutional amendment adopted in 1962 and the provisions of Chapter 46, Code 1973, there is a state judicial nominating commission and a district judicial nominating commission in each of the 13 judicial election districts.

The state commission submits nominees for a vacancy on the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals. It is comprised of 15 members, seven elected by the bar, seven appointed by the governor and the senior member of the Supreme Court, other than the chief justice. The Supreme Court member is the chairman of this commission.

The district commissions submit nominees for a vacancy on the District Court bench in their respective judicial election districts. They are each composed of 11 members, five elected by the bar, five appointed by the governor and the senior judge in the judicial election district who is the chairman of the commission.

Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commissions

Each county in the state has such a commission. Its duty is to appoint the number of judicial magistrates allotted to their county by the state court administrator. Each commission is comprised of a District Court judge designated by the chief judge of the judicial district, two attorneys elected by the bar of the county, and three members appointed by the board of supervisors of the county.

Commission on Judicial Qualifications

Under a 1972 amendment to the Iowa Constitution and the provisions of chapter 605 of the Code, there is a commission on judicial qualifications which receives and investigates complaints about the qualifications of Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, District Court judges, and district associate judges. The commission can apply to the Supreme Court to retire, discipline or remove a judge.

The commission is composed of seven members, four of whom are appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation, and three, including a District Court judge, are appointed by the chief justice.