

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the General Assembly  
**From:** Iowa Judicial Branch  
**Re:** 1219 XD—Judicial Residency  
**Date:** 1/22/2015

Iowa's eight judicial districts are divided into fourteen judicial election districts for the purpose of the selection and retention of district judges. There are conflicting statutes regarding the residency of applicants for district judgeships. Iowa Code section 602.6201(2) states that an individual appointed as a district judge must be a resident of the *judicial election district* in which they are appointed and stand for retention election, whereas Iowa Code section 46.14 states that individuals nominated for district judge must be a resident of the *judicial district* to which they are nominated.

This bill removes the conflicting requirements that a district judge applicant reside in the judicial election district or judicial district where appointed or nominated, and requires that a district judge reside in the judicial election district before commencing judicial duties.