

## CHAPTER 194

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**COURTS**


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**SENATE BILL 16-153**

BY SENATOR(S) Crowder, Martinez Humenik, Scheffel;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Wilson, Kagan, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Vigil.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING NOMINEES FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-6-206 as follows:

**13-6-206. Vacancies.** (1) If the office of a county judge, except in the city and county of Denver, becomes vacant because of death, resignation, failure to be retained in office pursuant to section 25 of article VI of the state constitution, or other cause, the governor, as provided in section 20 of article VI of the state constitution, shall appoint an individual possessing the qualifications specified in section 13-6-203.

(2) IF THE OFFICE OF A COUNTY JUDGE BECOMES VACANT, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION IN CERTIFYING THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES TO THE GOVERNOR TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO PERSONS WHO:

- (a) RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS; AND
- (b) HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 27, 2016