

Notice of Pending Special Elections in Districts 4, 5B, 8A and 8B for District Judicial Nominating Commissioners

Notice is hereby given of vacancies in the office of Elective Judicial Nominating Commissioner for Judicial Election Districts 4, 5B, 8A and 8B. This is to notify the public that special elections will be held from April 1, 2024, until and including April 26, 2024, to elect a woman in Districts 4, 5B and 8B, and a man in District 8A, to fill these vacancies and serve the remainder of the terms for these positions. See Iowa Code § 46.4. The terms for these positions expire January 31, 2030.

Individuals who wish to serve on a District Judicial Nominating Commission are not required to be attorneys but must meet certain legal requirements. In addition, to have their name placed on the election ballot, individuals must file their completed nominating petition with State Court Administration no later than Thursday, March 25, 2024. The nominating petition must be signed by at least ten eligible electors of the candidate's judicial district.

Click [here](#) if you wish to obtain a nominating petition, and then follow the instructions included with the petition regarding how to complete the petition and submit it.

The State Court Administrator will conduct this election, and eligible attorneys shall have the ability to vote. See Iowa Code Chapter 46 for specific information about voting eligibility.

Voting by eligible attorneys will begin April 1, 2024.

Election winners shall be notified, and the election results shall be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly and published on the judicial branch website.

The above is a summary of the nomination and selection process. If you wish to learn more, or if you are interested in becoming a member of a District Judicial Nominating Commission, you should carefully read Article V, sections 15 and 16 of the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code Chapter 46 so you fully understand all the details of the nomination and selection process, and the requirements for running for, or voting for, the position of commissioner. You may also find additional information on the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commissions website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/>.

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