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By Senators McCaslin and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications of judges; and amending RCW
2 2.06.050 and 3.34.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.06.050 and 1969 ex.s. c 221 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 A judge of the court shall be((÷

7 ~~(1) Admitted to the practice of law in the courts of this state not~~
8 ~~less than five years prior to taking office.~~

9 (2)) a resident for not less than one year at the time of
10 appointment or initial election in the district for which his or her
11 position was created.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.34.060 and 1991 c 361 s 1 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 To be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for and to serve
15 as a district court judge, a person must((÷

16 (1)) be a registered voter of the district court district and
17 electoral district, if any((÷and

18 (2) Be either:

1 ~~(a) A lawyer admitted to practice law in the state of Washington;~~
2 ~~or~~
3 ~~(b) A person who has been elected and has served as a justice of~~
4 ~~the peace, district judge, municipal judge, or police judge in~~
5 ~~Washington; or~~
6 ~~(c) In those districts having a population of less than five~~
7 ~~thousand persons, a person who has taken and passed the qualifying~~
8 ~~examination for the office of district judge as shall be provided by~~
9 ~~rule of the supreme court)).~~

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