

**Act No. 123 (S.91). Judiciary; Judicial Nominating Board**

**An act relating to procedures of the Judicial Nominating Board and qualifications of candidates for the positions of Justice, judge, magistrate, and Chair and member of the Public Service Board**

This act revises requirements for judicial candidates and processes for the Judicial Nominating Board.

Changes include:

- limiting the number of consecutive terms for Board members
- clarifying confidentiality issues and proceedings of the Board that are open to the public
- requiring candidates to be “well-qualified” instead of “qualified”
- establishing more specific requirements for eligibility for positions and attributes that the Board should consider when determining whether an applicant is well qualified for the position
- creating an exception to the five-year Vermont practice requirement for judicial applicants for absences from practice for reasons including family, military, academic, or medical leave

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