

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 739 entitled “An act relating to rulemaking by the Judicial Nominating
4 Board” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 4 V.S.A. § 601(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The Judicial Nominating Board shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter
9 ~~25 which that~~ shall establish criteria and standards for the nomination of
10 qualified candidates for ~~justices~~ Justices of the ~~supreme~~ Supreme Court,
11 ~~superior~~ Superior Court judges, ~~magistrates~~ Magistrates, the Chair of the
12 Public Service Board, and members of the Public Service Board. The criteria
13 and standards shall include such factors as integrity, legal knowledge and
14 ability, judicial temperament, impartiality, health, experience, diligence,
15 administrative and communicative skills, social consciousness, and public
16 service. The application form shall not be included in the rules and may be
17 developed and periodically revised at the discretion of the Board.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative [surname]

FOR THE COMMITTEE