

By the Committee on Judiciary and Senator Bronson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to judicial nominating  
3           commissions; amending s. 43.29, F.S.; deleting  
4           requirement for appointment based upon race or  
5           gender and requiring consideration of those  
6           factors in making appointments; providing for  
7           the judicial nominating commission of a  
8           judicial circuit to include among its members  
9           and electors at least one resident from each  
10          county within the judicial circuit; providing  
11          an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 43.29, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended and subsection (4) is added to that  
17 section to read:

18           43.29 Judicial nominating commissions.--

19           (1) Each judicial nominating commission shall be  
20 composed of the following:

21           (a) Three members, ~~at least one of whom must be a~~  
22 ~~member of a racial or ethnic minority group or a woman,~~  
23 appointed by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar from  
24 among The Florida Bar members who are actively engaged in the  
25 practice of law with offices within the territorial  
26 jurisdiction of the affected court, or in the district or  
27 circuit;

28           (b) Three electors, ~~at least one of whom must be a~~  
29 ~~member of a racial or ethnic minority group or a woman,~~ who  
30 reside in the territorial jurisdiction of the court or in the  
31 circuit appointed by the Governor; and

