

By the Committees on Rules; and Judiciary

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to judicial nominating commissions;  
3           amending s. 43.291, F.S.; providing for termination of  
4           the terms of all current members of judicial  
5           nominating commissions; providing for staggered terms  
6           of newly appointed members; providing an effective  
7           date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 43.291, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           43.291 Judicial nominating commissions.—

14           (3) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,~~  
15           ~~each current member of a judicial nominating commission~~  
16           ~~appointed directly by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar~~  
17           ~~shall serve the remainder of his or her term, unless removed for~~  
18           ~~cause.~~ The terms of all current ~~other~~ members of a judicial  
19           nominating commission are hereby terminated, and the Governor  
20           shall appoint new members to each judicial nominating commission  
21           in the following manner:

22           (a) Two appointments for terms ending July 1, 2012 ~~2002~~,  
23           one of which shall be an appointment selected from nominations  
24           submitted by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar pursuant  
25           to paragraph (1) (a);

26           (b) Two appointments for terms ending July 1, 2013 ~~2003~~;  
27           and

28           (c) Two appointments for terms ending July 1, 2014 ~~2004~~.

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30 Every subsequent appointment, except an appointment to fill a  
31 vacant, unexpired term, shall be for 4 years. Each expired term  
32 or vacancy shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as  
33 the member whose position is being filled.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.