

On July 22, 2026, the Nebraska Supreme Court adopted the following rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. § 1-601:

CHAPTER 1: ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

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Article 6: Judicial Nominating Commissions.

§ 1-601. Application process.

(A) Upon request to the judge chairperson of the appropriate Judicial Nominating Commission, the Clerk of the Supreme Court, or the State Court Administrator, an applicant for judicial appointment will receive a Judicial Vacancy Application Package which consists of instructions to the applicant, an application for judicial vacancy form, a copy of the Nebraska Revised Code of Judicial Conduct, a personal data sheet, and a copy of these rules. Such documents, which include "Fill-in" versions of necessary forms, may also be found at and downloaded from the Nebraska Judicial Branch Web site at <https://nebraskajudicial.gov/forms>.

The application, including attachments, and the personal data sheet must be filed by mail or electronically by e-mail with the commission chairperson not later than 21 days prior to the date of the public hearing. The Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure Statement and the Waiver of Confidentiality form attached to the application must be signed and sworn to before a notary public. Such notarized documents may be electronically submitted as a scanned document, provided that the applicant retains possession of the original bearing the required signatures and notary stamps. An applicant for any judicial vacancy may be investigated to, among other things, verify the accuracy of information provided.

Submission of the documents referred to above may be by regular mail to Nebraska Supreme Court, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. In the alternative, such documents may be electronically submitted by scanning the Application (which includes the Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure Statement and the Waiver of Confidentiality form), the personal data sheet, and the legal writing sample; saving each document as a separate PDF file; and attaching each PDF file to an e-mail sent to nsc.jnc@nejudicial.gov. It is recommended that the e-mail transmitting these documents requests acknowledgment of receipt.

An applicant interested in a judicial vacancy may access the Judicial Vacancy Application forms, instructions, and other information on the Attorney Services Division portal. The application, including any attachments, and the personal data sheet, the Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure Statement, and the Waiver of Confidentiality must be completed and submitted through the Attorney Services Division portal on or before the deadline set by the chairperson in the public notice which shall be not later than 21 days prior to the date of the public hearing. An applicant may edit or add information to the application and any forms up

to the date and time the application is due. After the deadline for submission of the application, no edits or additions may be made to the application or any forms.

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