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11th Judicial District Nominating Commission to interview candidates for district judge

TOPEKA—Six attorneys will be interviewed July 6 for the position of Labette County district judge.

The 11th Judicial Nominating Commission will convene at 11:30 a.m. July 6. Members will conduct the interviews beginning at 1 p.m. and select three to five nominees to be submitted to the governor, who will then select one of the nominees to be appointed to the position.

The interviews will be open to the public. They will take place in Courtroom 1 at the Labette County Judicial Center, 201 S. Central Street, Parsons.

The 11th Judicial District seat will become vacant upon the July 14 retirement of District Judge Robert J. Fleming, who has held the position since 1996.

Those being interviewed are:

- Michael Gayoso Jr., Baxter Springs
- Timothy Joseph Grillot, Parsons
- Fred Johnson, Oswego
- Stephen Jones, Altamont
- David Markham, Parsons
- Cherokee County Magistrate Judge Samuel Marsh, Columbus.

Candidates must be a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and have been engaged in the practice of law for at least five years, as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school. The candidate also must be a resident of the judicial district—comprised of Labette, Crawford and Cherokee counties—at the time of taking office and maintain that residency while holding office.

Kansas Supreme Court Justice Lee A. Johnson is the nonvoting chair of the 11th Judicial District Nominating Commission. Attorney members are Sara S. Beezley of Pittsburg, District Judge Oliver K. Lynch of Baxter Springs, and Richard G. Tucker of Parsons. Nonattorney members, who are selected by their respective county commissions, are John W. Lehman of Girard, Charles W. Sweeton of Baxter Springs, and James K. Cook of Parsons.

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