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Explanation of Changes CS Senate Bill 129 (JUD)

- Section 1:** A new section which amends AS 15.58.030(g) to broaden information that may be filed by a person seeking retention in office as a justice or judge and establishes a 300-word limit. Adds information regarding residency of the justice or judge, military service, professional activities of the justice or judge, and public outreach and administrative activities. New section also allows justice or judge to publish any additional information to support their candidacy.
- Section 2:** Expands the original section one of SB 129 version A to distinguish information requirements for judges and justices subject to retention for the first time and individuals seeking continued retention. In addition, CS SB 129 version B creates new subsections distinguish requirements between superior and district court, supreme court, and court of appeals.

CS SB 129 version N as amended.

Information required for Superior Court Judge or District Court Judge

- A. Statement describing the professional philosophy of the judge not to exceed 150 words.
- B. Description of the judicial, legal, or other education.
- C. Description of professional business experiences and professional positions held in the preceding 10 years.
- D. List of service organizations with which the justice or judge is affiliated.
- E. If applicable, rating by law enforcement officers, attorneys, court employees, and jurors.
- F. Number of decisions that were reviewed and disposed of by a written decision of an appellate court and the percentage of issues in those decisions that were affirmed by the appellate court.
- G. Description of any public disciplinary proceedings against the justice or judge.
- H. Self-assessment evaluating the individual's judicial performance, not to exceed 250 words.

Information required for Supreme Court Justice or Court of Appeals Judge

New subsection establishes distinction of information requirements of Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeals Judge by requiring the A – E, and G – H information required of Superior Court Judge or District Court Judge except F due to applicability of affirmation rates.

Information required for Justice or Judge standing retention for the first time

New subsection distinguishes information requirements for Justice or Judge standing retention for the first time to include: previous political and governmental positions held, primary practice areas before appointment, and types of clients the justice or judge represented before appointment

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