District judge positions to be discussed Monday

(KAIR)--The completed applications for two open district judge positions will be reviewed Monday.

According to a release, the 1st Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet that afternoon at 2:00 "to review completed applications for two district judge positions and discuss the process for submitting names to the governor for appointment."

The 1st Judicial District is comprised of Atchison and Leavenworth counties.

One of the two vacancies is due to the July 8 retirement of longtime Judge, Martin Asher, of Atchison.

Monday's meeting, to be held at the Leavenworth Justice Center, is open to the public.

The deadline to submit a nomination for the open seats was Friday, August 19.

According to the earlier released timeline of the process,

The nominating commission will convene to interview nominees at 8:00 on the morning of Monday, August 29, with interviews starting at 8:30, and continuing Tuesday, August 30. Interviews will be at the Leavenworth County Courthouse. After nominees are interviewed, the nominating commission will select from three to five people whose names will be submitted to the governor to fill the positions according to statutory qualification and residency requirements.

The governor has 60 days after receiving the names to decide whom to appoint.

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