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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion to establish a process for filling district court judicial vacancy

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

A judicial vacancy is expected to occur July 1, 2021. The Council is required to fill the vacancy per state and county law.

Per RCW 3.34.060:

District judges-Eligibility and qualifications.

To be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy for and to serve as a district court judge, a person must:

- (1) Be a registered voter of the district court district and electoral district, if any; and
- (2) Be either:
 - (a) A lawyer admitted to practice law in the state of Washington; or
 - (b) In those districts having a population of less than five thousand persons, a person who has taken and passed by January 1, 2003, the qualifying examination for a lay candidate for judicial officer as provided by rule of the supreme court.