CORRECTION: A previous version of this release had the wrong date for the start of public comment. It is Tuesday, December 17, 2024. The correct information is below.

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Governor Gianforte Solicits Applications, Nominations for Seventh Judicial District Vacancy

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte is now accepting applications and nominations to fill a district court judge vacancy in the Seventh Judicial District.

The chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court notified the governor of the vacancy in the Seventh Judicial District (Dawson, Prairie, McCone, Richland, and Wibaux Counties) on November 18, 2024.

Any lawyer in good standing who has the qualifications set forth by law for holding the vacant position may apply or be nominated.

The application form is available electronically at <u>nominatejudges.mt.gov.</u>

Applications must be submitted electronically as well as in hard copy by Monday, December 16, 2024, by 5 p.m. Applications will be made available to the public.

The public will be given the opportunity to provide letters of support or other comments regarding the applicants at <u>nominatejudges.mt.gov</u> from Tuesday, December 17, 2024, through Thursday, January 16, 2025. Applicants must receive at least three letters of support to be considered for appointment by the governor.

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