

FOUR APPLY FOR NEW JUDICIAL SEAT IN WEST VIRGINIA

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Four people have applied for a new judicial seat in West Virginia.

The Exponent Telegram reports the field for the seat in the Barbour and Taylor circuit includes two former prosecutors and two assistant prosecutors. The former prosecutors are Frank Bush of Randolph County and Leckta Poling of Barbour County. The assistant prosecutors are Roger Curry of Barbour County and Shawn Nines of Taylor County.

Gov. Jim Justice's office says the Judicial Vacancy Advisory Committee will interview candidates and make a recommendation to Justice. The governor will then have until the end of the year to announce his selection.

Before the selection becomes final, protests can be filed during a 20-day period following the appointment.

An election will be held in 2020 for the new seat. The circuit's other judge is Alan D. Moats.