

Sen. Johnson, Baldwin: Reestablish Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) agreed to reestablish the Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission to advance nominations for vacant federal judgeships and U.S. Attorney positions in Wisconsin during the 116th Congress.

“The bipartisan nominating commission has delivered highly qualified nominees in the past, and I am hopeful it can deliver similar results going forward. I respect and trust the judgment of the commission and I look forward to working to fill the vacancy in the Eastern District,” said Senator Johnson.

“The Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission process is the right way forward. I am pleased to join Senator Johnson in moving forward in a bipartisan manner to advance the process of filling this judicial vacancy. I am confident that our commission will identify for our consideration highly qualified individuals who would serve the people of Wisconsin with fairness and impartiality,” said Senator Baldwin.

The commission will be comprised of six Wisconsinites who are members of the Wisconsin State Bar, three members appointed by each senator. Senator Johnson appointed William Curran, Richard Esenberg, and Paul Swanson. Senator Baldwin appointed Retired Judge Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Jeremy Levinson, and Barbara Quindel. The commission will be co-chaired by Attorney Paul Swanson and Judge Charles N. Clevert, Jr.

The Wisconsin State Bar is accepting applications for appointment to a vacancy left by Judge Rudolph T. Randa on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Applications must be returned no later than Oct. 16, 2019. The commission's application and instructions are available [here](#).