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Retiring Governor Has Message

Legislation, Admissions and Discipline Receive Comment From A. A. Hull

We are now in a position to appraise the commendable work of the Association's Legislative Committee. This Committee used its influence to prevent the enactment of legislation, which might be harmful to the public and to the Bar, and it likewise approved legislation that was in accord with Association policies, when its opinion was asked thereon. It did not directly sponsor any legislation of a controversial nature, limiting its sponsorship to correctional legislation about which there could be no contrariety of opinion. The Committee's annual report will be of great interest to the members of the Association.

The Bar examination conducted by the Association in January of this year tested the qualifications of forty-four applicants, with the results shown below:

| <i>Educational Background of Applicants:</i> | <i>Passed</i> | <i>Failed</i> |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| University of Washington | 16 | 2 |
| Gonzaga University | 6 | 3 |
| Harvard University | 2 | 0 |
| George Washington University | 2 | 0 |
| Washington University, St. Louis..... | 1 | 0 |
| Georgetown University | 1 | 0 |
| Creighton University | 1 | 1 |
| Foreign Lawyers | 3 | 3 |
| Law Clerks | 2 | 1 |

A large portion of the time and effort of the Board of Governors in the past six years has been devoted to a consideration of disciplinary matters. The number of complaints and the character of the matters involved does not change substantially from year to year, although there seems to be some slight diminution in the number of complaints. The membership should feel assured, however, that the final conclusion of the Board of Governors in any disciplinary matter has been arrived at upon thorough investigation and careful consideration and that discipline is never visited upon a brother except upon convincing proof of a departure from accepted standards.

The writer will terminate his membership on the Board of Governors in June, next, after a period of six years' service. His association with the present and past members of the Board has been of great interest and profit. It has not been his pleasure to associate with a more disinterested and capable group of men in any activity. The Board is entitled to your support and your friendly and adverse criticism.

I now return to the ranks.

A. A. HULL.

Two Governors to Be Chosen

Third and Sixth Congressional Districts Will Select New Board Members in June

Vacancies in the Board of Governors occur in the Third and Sixth Congressional Districts this year, A. A. Hull of Chehalis and Hugo Metzler of Tacoma being the retiring members of the Board of Governors from their respective districts.

Any active member of the Washington State Bar Association in these districts who obtains signatures of twenty active members in the district may have his name placed on the ballot. Nominating petitions for this purpose may be had at any time by writing to the Executive Offices of the Bar Association, Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, or from the clerk of the court in the county in which you reside. When the necessary twenty signatures have been obtained, the nominating petition should be mailed to the Executive Offices prior to May 31. On June 1 ballots will be mailed to every active member of the Bar in these districts, and on June 15 an Election Board consisting of Edward E. Henry, Chairman, Seattle; Ralph W. Thompson, Tacoma, W. A. Johnson, Everett, Mary H. Alvord, Seattle and Ferd Schaaf, Olympia, will meet in the Executive Offices, count the ballots, certify the election to the Board, and announce the results to the press.

For your information, the Third Congressional District includes the following counties:

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| Clark | Lewis | Skamania |
| Cowlitz | Mason | Thurston |
| Grays Harbor | Pacific | Wahkiakum |

The Sixth Congressional District includes the following counties:

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|--------------|--------|
| Part of King | Pierce |
|--------------|--------|

Bar President Tenders Resignation

Robert E. Evans of Tacoma, president of the Washington State Bar Association, has tendered his resignation to take effect at once. Mr. Evans, on the 31st of March, 1939, was appointed by Governor Clarence D. Martin to fill the vacancy in the Superior Court of Pierce County in place of W. O. Chapman, resigned.