

**MONTANA 6th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Park & Sweetgrass Counties)  
APPLICATION, NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Receipt of notice of vacancy from Chief Justice	Thursday, February 5, 2026
Public notice of vacancy and solicitation of applications – (Within 10 days of receipt of notice of vacancy – 3-1-901(2), MCA)	Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Deadline for receipt of applications (Application period must end within 40 days of receipt of notice of vacancy – 3-1-903, MCA)	5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2026
Notice to public and start of 30-day public comment period (3-1-904, MCA)	Tuesday, March 17, 2026
30-day public comment period ends (3-1-904, MCA)	5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2026
Deadline for appointment by Governor (Within 30 days from the end of the public comment period – 3-1-904(3) & 3-1-905(1), MCA)	Saturday, May 16, 2026