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RELATING TO COUNTY SHERIFFS; ALLOWING THE HIGHEST-RANKING DEPUTY SHERIFF TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF SHERIFF UNTIL A SHERIFF HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 4-41-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1855-1856, Chapter 2, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-41-9. POWERS OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.--[Sec. 198. The said] Deputies are [hereby] authorized to discharge all the duties [which] that belong to the office of sheriff that may be placed under their charge by their principals, with the same effect as though they were executed by the respective sheriffs. <u>If there</u> is a vacancy in the office of sheriff, the highest-ranking deputy sheriff shall exercise the powers of sheriff until a sheriff is appointed and qualified."

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