

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS ON THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 34-10-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 48, Section 1) is amended to read:

"34-10-1. JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION--SELECTION--TERMS.--The judicial standards commission consists of eleven positions:

A. positions 1 through 5 and position 10, each of which shall be filled by a person who is a qualified elector of this state, who is not a justice, judge or magistrate of any court and who is not licensed to practice law in this state. The governor shall fill each of these positions by appointment of qualified persons. Following initial terms specified in this subsection, these positions shall be filled in the same manner by qualified persons who serve for five years or less, in such manner that at least one term expires on June 30 each year, and so that not more than four of the six positions are occupied by persons from the same political party. The initial terms for positions 1 through 5 begin on July 1, 1968. The initial term for position 10 begins on July 1, 1999. The terms expire as follows:

- (1) position 1 on June 30, 1969;
- (2) position 2 on June 30, 1970;
- (3) position 3 on June 30, 1971;
- (4) position 4 on June 30, 1972;
- (5) position 5 on June 30, 1973; and

(6) position 10 on June 30, 2004;

B. positions 6 and 7, each of which shall be filled by a person who is licensed to practice law in this state. These positions shall be filled by appointment of qualified persons by majority vote of all members of the board of commissioners of the state bar of New Mexico, but no member of the board of commissioners shall be appointed. Following initial terms specified in this subsection, these positions shall be filled in the same manner by qualified persons who serve for four years or less, in such manner that one of the terms expires on June 30 of each even-numbered year. Initial terms begin on July 1, 1968 and expire as follows:

(1) position 6 on June 30, 1970; and

(2) position 7 on June 30, 1972; and

C. positions 8 and 9, each of which shall be filled by a person who is a justice of the supreme court or a judge of the court of appeals or district court and position 11, which shall be filled by a person who is a magistrate court judge. These positions shall be filled by appointment of qualified persons by the supreme court. Following initial terms specified in this subsection, these positions shall be filled in the same manner by qualified persons who serve for four years or less, in such manner that at least one of the terms expires on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. The initial terms for positions 8 and 9 begin on July 1, 1968. The initial term for position 11 begins on July 1, 1999. The terms expire as follows:

(1) position 8 on June 30, 1971;

(2) position 9 on June 30, 1973; and

(3) position 11 on June 30, 2003."